Bombay Gazette.

BOMBAY :—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1870.

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No. 7,455.—NEW S

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All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship ARABIA, 1,627 tons, 200 H.P., Commander THOMAS SAUNDERS, will be despatched on the 15th February 1870, at noon.

	Feb. 1870		Feb. 1870
Leave Bombay	15	Leave Galle	23
„ Ratnagherry	16	„ Negapatam	25
„ Vingorla	16	„ Pondicherry	26
„ Carwar	17		March.
„ Mangalore	18	„ Madras	2
„ Cannanore	19	„ Coconada	3
„ Calicut	19	„ Vizagapatam	5
„ Beypore	19	„ Bimlipatam	5
„ Cochin	20	„ Gopalpore	6
„ Tuticorin	21	„ False Point	7
„ Colombo	22	Arrive Calcutta	8
Arrive Cochin	23	Arrive Bombay	12

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Nedigherrie district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

The steam ship MARTABAN, 515 tons, 110 H.P., Commander W. A. HIBBERT, will be despatched on the 7th February, 1870, at noon.

Up.	Feb.		Down Feb
Leave Bombay	7	Leave Bussorah	28
„ Kurrachee	11	„ Mahomerah	2
„ Gwadur	12	„ Fao	3
„ Muscat	15	„ Bushire	6
„ Bunder Abbas	17	„ Linga	March 1
„ Linga	18	„ Bunder Abbas	3
„ Bushire	21	„ Muscat	5
„ Fao	22	„ Gwadur	7
„ Mahomerah	22	„ Kurrachee	9
Arrive bussorah	23	Arrive Bombay	13

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, OUTRAM, and TILLY.

ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
„ Ratnagherry	Sunday.	„ Beypore	Saturday.
„ Malwan	„	„ Calicut	„
„ Vingorla	„	„ Tellicherry	„
„ Goa	Monday.	„ Cannanore	„
„ Carwar	„	„ Mangalore	Sunday.
„ Compta	„	„ Compta	Monday.
„ Mangalore	Tuesday.	„ Carwar	„
„ Cannanore	Wednesday.	„ Goa	Tuesday.
„ Tellicherry	„	„ Vingorla	„
„ Calicut	„	„ Malwan	„
„ Beypore	„	„ Ratnagherry	Wednesday
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer TILLY, Captain HANNA, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY next, the 5th proximo, at 4 P.M.

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 31st January, 1870.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE P and O Co.'s S.S. EMEU, (1,556 tons, and 300 H.P.) Captain J. C. BADY, will be despatched for the above Ports on 4 FRIDAY, the 4th February, leaving MAZAGON dock on that day, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 31st January 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE
(via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES.

LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.—MARC FRAISSINET PERE and FILS will DESPATCH STEAMERS MONTHLY from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

FREIGHT.—The Company undertake to grant through Bills of Lading for Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Malta, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia, Naples, Bandurun, Havre, and other Continental Ports. They have also made arrangements to forward Cotton at a through rate from Bombay to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.

Shippers will have the option, on due notice being given, of detaining at Marseilles Cotton destined for other parts of the Continent; the Freight on same to be regulated at the average rate paid by the same Steamer.

Freight on Goods shipped to Europe to be payable at Marseilles in French money.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped by their own Steamers. Premium of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ½ per cent.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15
„ Suez	£ 40	£ 25-10
„ Port Said	£ 42	£ 24
„ Marseilles	£ 56	£ 33

Children over ten years of age pay full fare.

In accordance with the above, the new Steam Ship EUROPE, 3,500 tons, Captain ROLAND, will be despatched from Bombay about the 12th February, and will be followed, at monthly intervals, by large and powerful steamers specially built for this service.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents,

Elphinstone Circle, 10th December, 1869.

FOR SALE, the Iron Barque NIGHT HAWK, 651 tons register, including boats, rigging and appurtenances, she now lies afloat in the Harbour of Bombay.

For further particulars apply to

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents for Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 21st January 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per ship CITY OF BRUSSELS, from Glasgow, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain CAMPBELL without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the consignees.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 31st January 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship GALATEA, from London, are required to send BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain WHEELAND without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the consignees.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 27th January 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per ship CITY OF YORK, from Glasgow, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain ALLEN without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the consignees.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 29th January 1870.

DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.

The best remedy for Acidity of the Stomach, Heartburn, Headache, Gout, and Indigestion; and the best mild aperient for Children, Invalids, and Females, especially adapted for Ladies, Children, and Infants, and for regular use in Warm Climates.

DINNEFORD & Co., Chemists, London, and of Druggists and Storekeepers throughout the world.

N.B.—Ask for DINNEFORD'S MAGNESIA.

Agents—TREACHER & Co., Bombay, Bottle, and Parade.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL, GRANT ROAD.

SOLE LESSEE ..... MR. DAVE CARSON.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! TO-NIGHT!!!
THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 1870.

TOBIN'S GREAT PLAY OF
THE HONEYMOON.

GRAND FASHIONABLE NIGHT.

COMEDY AND FARCE.

The curtain will rise at a quarter before 9 o'clock to TOBIN'S ELEGANT COMEDY, ENTITLED
THE HONEYMOON,
supported by the entire strength of THE DRAMATIC TROUPE.
To conclude with the
SCREAMING FARCE OF
THE TWO MRS. WHITES.

Reserved Seats may be secured at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.'s, where a plan of the Theatre can be seen.

Doors open at 8-0. Performance to commence at quarter before 9 o'clock P.M.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, FEB. 4TH, 1870,
DAVE CARSON'S MINSTRELS
WILL AGAIN APPEAR.

NOTICE.—SUBSCRIBERS to the DUKE of EDINBURGH'S RECEPTION FUND. are requested to call in the Account of their SUBSCRIPTIONS into the New Bank of Bombay.

ELPHINSTONE INSURANCE COMPANY (in Liquidation).—NOTICE.—A MEETING of the Shareholders of the ELPHINSTONE INSURANCE COMPANY (in Liquidation) WILL BE HELD at the office of Messrs. Ritchie, Steuart & Co., on TUESDAY, the 1st March 1870, at 3 o'clock P.M., to receive the accounts of the Liquidators, showing the manner in which the affairs of the Company have been finally wound up.

JAMES RANKEN, } Liquidators Elphinstone Insurance Company.
A. E. ASHLEY, }

Bombay, 2nd February 1870.

In the matter of the Indian Companies' Act, 1866, and of the VICTORIA PATENT BRICK COMPANY, (Limited, (in Liquidation).

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the Ninth day of February next a FIRST DIVIDEND at the rate of 1 anna in the rupee, WILL BE PAID at the office of the Liquidators, Apollo House, Apollo Street, Bombay, to all Creditors whose claims have been admitted, pursuant to the order of the High Court, herein, dated the 1st day of February 1870.

CURSETJEE NUSSERWANJEE CAMA,
D. P. CAMA,
NUSSERWANJEE ARDASEER WADIA,
MERWANJEE BOMANJEE ENGINEER,
} Liquidators.

Bombay, 2nd February 1870.

CHESSON and WOODHALL'S LIBRARY.

No. 11, PUMMUM STREET, BOMBAY,
AND No. 1, EAST STREET, POONA.

ARRIVAL OF FRESH STOCK PER S. S. LEITH.

Bull's Hints to Mothers	Rs 3 4
Do. Maternity	3 4
Enquire Within upon Everything	1 12
Forbes' Fund O'Rahar, Peculiar Character	8 0
Do. do. Translation	5 0
Webster's Dictionary, enlarged and illustrated	20 0
Do. do. Abridged edition	13 8
Sullivan's English Grammar	0 10
Ollendorf's Italian Method	7 8
Do. French do.	4
Ritual of Freemasonry	2 4
Carlisle's Manual of Freemasonry	2 4
Chambers's Arithmetic	4 8
Colenso's Arithmetic	3 0
Do. Algebra	2 4
Mysteries of Freemasonry	2 4
Todhunter's Algebra	4 12
Ferguson's Electricity	2 4
Chappell's Flute Instructor	1 0
Do Violin	1 0
Novels—Reggy Dunn	1 4
Do. Agnes Wood	1 4
Do. Lady Audley's Secret	1 4
Do. Charles Lindsay	1 4
Do. Aurora Floyd	1 4
Do. Hillary Bosco	1 4
Do. Revelations of a Lady Detective	1 4
Do. Tales of a Female Detective	0 6
Do. Female Detective	0 6
Do. Revelations of a Detective	0 6
Do. Smuggler's Mystery	0 6
Napoleon's Book of Etiquette	0 6
Newspaper and General Reader's Companion	1 12
Jerk's Instructor and Manual	0 10
Brooke's Universal Letter Writer	0 10
Do. do. do.	1 0
Henderson's Ball Room Guide	0 10
Universal and English Dictionary, by Shapoorjee Eduljee	5 0
Thackeray's From Cornhill to Cairo	2 8
Do. The Newcomes	4 8
Do. The Virginians	4 8
Do. Pendennis	4 8
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Do. Nicholas Nickleby	2 4
Do. The Pickwick Papers	2 4
Do. Barnaby Rudge	2 4
Do. Great Expectations	2 0
Do. The Uncommercial Traveller	2 0
Do. American Notes	2 0
Do. A Tale of Two Cities	2 0
Do. Oliver Twist	2 0
Do. Christmas Books	2 0
Do. Sketches by Boz	2 0
Do. The Old Curiosity Shop	2 0
Do. Hard Times and Pictures from Italy	2 0
Do. Our Mutual Friend	2 4
Do. David Copperfield	2 4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chappell's Books for Flute (assorted) .....
Cooper's Flute Music (a choice selection) .....
Exercises for Flute and Piano (Duet Music) .....

VALENTINES! VALENTINES!! VALENTINES!!!

Just received a fresh consignment for the 14th February—St. Valentine's Day.

Bombay, 3rd Feb. 1870. CHESSON & WOODHALL.

WANTED.

WANTED, for the MAURITIUS POLICE FORCE, about FIFTY MEN of good character, between the age of 18 and 35. Height over 5 feet 5½ inches.

SALARIES.

Sergeant Major	£1'0 to £150 per annum.
Quarter Master Sergeants	do.
Mounted Sergeant Major	£84 do.
Mounted Sergeant	78 do.
Sergeant	72 do.
Mounted Corporal	66 do.
Corporal	60 do.
Constable, 1st Class	48 do.
Constable, 2nd Class	36 do.

In addition to the above Salaries, the following allowances to each man are made: Barrack room accommodation for all single men is provided, as also for a limited number of married men. Rations are issued to the Force in attendance at Stations at the rate of 8d per day. Bedding and Clothing, including Shirts and Boots, annually. Period of enlistment 3 years

The Police Force of over 300 men, is under military organization, it being half composed of European, from which all the N.C. officers are selected, the proportion of the latter to the European Constabulary is 1 to 25, and therefore the prospects of advancement, to good men of education is very great.

Men discharged with good characters from the Army, Marines, Militia or Navy are generally taken on as First Class Constables.

Several vacancies exist in the Mounted Branch, offering good pay for men possessing Non-Commissioned Officers of Horse Artillery and Cavalry.

Applications to be made to the Sergeant Major at the General Police Office, Port Louis, to whom none but men holding good characters need apply.

J. T. N. O'BRIEN, Major,
H. P. 1/20th Regiment,
Inspector General of Police for Mauritius and its Dependencies.

General Police Office, 6th December 1869.

NOTE.—The undersigned will assist men of good character in engaging a passage to proceed to the Mauritius to join the Police Force, and will be most auth rized to pay Passage Money or Steerage. Rooe need apply, but discharged men from the Queen or Royal Navy who have the means of procuring a passage.

J. D. FREEMAN,
Mauritius Emigration Agent, Bombay.

Shipping Office, Bombay, 12th January 1870.

HOUSES, &c., TO LET.

TO BE LET, several Rooms and Godowns in the Grant Buildings. Apply to the Manager, Land Mortgage Bank of India, Limited, Parsee Bazar Street.

TO LET, at BYCULLA, Five BUNGALOWS, viz.:—
No. 125, 135, 175, 300 and 400.
No. 1.—SIX BUNGALOWS. Rs. 100, 100, 180, 200 and 400.
No. 2.—THREE BUNGALOWS. Rs. 50, 110, and 125.
No. 3.—TWO BUNGALOWS. Rs. 125 and 150.
No. 4.—NINE RESIDENCES. Rs. 50, 65, 70, 100, 100, 120, 125, and 400.
No. 5.—TEN OFFICES. Rs. 30, 50, 60, 75, 150, 250, 250, and 400.
Several Bungalows on Malabar Hill.
For further particulars apply to
Bombay, 15th January 1870. FLOWER & Co.

TO LET, at BREACH CANDY, Two BUNGALOWS. Rs. 220 and 255.
Bombay, 15th January 1870. FLOWER & Co.

TO LET, a COTTAGE at PAUNCHGUNNY. Rent Rs. 50 per month.—Apply to
Bombay, 15th January 1870. FLOWER & Co.

TO LET, with immediate possession, a large and airy BUNGALOW, situated at the rear of the Babools with about 5 acres of ground. The room measuring 80 feet by 6 feet, one of the bathrooms, and fountain in centre of compound.—For further particulars apply to

J. & W. WATSON & Co

NOTICES.

TOWN HALL.

POSITIVELY
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.

SATURDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY.

PROFESSOR BUSHELL'S FAREWELL!

AMUSEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

For full particulars see Programmes.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

First Class ..... Rs. 5 | Third Class ..... Rs. 2
Second Class ..... „ 3 | Fourth „ ..... „ 1

Seats may be secured at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.'s, where a plan of the Hall can be seen.

Doors open at 8-0. Performance to commence at 8-45 P.M. Carriages may be ordered for 11 o'clock.

SIGNOR ABECCO, HORDEN AND GOULSTONE'S
STAR COMBINATION TROUPE
HAVE ARRIVED
AND WILL SHORTLY APPEAR.

SEE FUTURE BILLS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

ANY PERSON having a CLAIM against, or being indebted to, the Estate of the late Surgeon Major JOHN PERIE, M.D., Bombay Establishment, is requested to inform the undersigned within one month from this date.

H. STANLEY, Colonel,
President of Committee of Adjustment.

Bombay, 10th January 1870.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—J. & W. WATSON & Co. have from this date marked all their GOODS in plain figures, the LOWEST NETT CASH PRICES. An addition of Two Annas per Rupee will be charged upon all Goods entered in their books, which will be deducted if paid for within the month, 12th January 1870.

NOTICE.—The business hitherto carried on by me under the Style of Nansee Khyraz will, on and after the 1st of February next, be continued and carried on under the Name, Style and Firm of COOK & Co., and all Monies due and owing to me will, after the above date, be receivable by that Firm.

NANSEE KHYRAZ.

13, Meadow Street, Bombay, 31st January 1870.

W. ASHBURNER, Deceased.—All persons having any Claims against the Estate of W. ASHBURNER, late of the Revenue Survey in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, who died on board the s. s. Grange, in the Red Sea, on the 20th November last, are requested to send in particulars of the same to the undersigned, on or before the 20th day of February next.—Dated this 19th day of January 1870.

MANISTY & HURRELL,
Solicitors, Bombay.

RE THOMAS BRIGG, Deceased.—PURSUANT to Act XXVIII. of 1866, of the Legislative Council of India, entitled, "The Trustees' and Mortgagees' Powers Act 1866," all persons being Creditors of, or otherwise having claims upon, or against the Estate of THOMAS BRIGG, late a Contractor of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, Nursinpore, Central India, deceased, and Letters of Administration, of whose Estate with exemplification of the Probate of his Will issued out of the District Registry of Nursinpore, annexed, were on the 15th day of January 1869 granted by the High Court of Bombay to George Frederick Hamilton, of Bombay, Solicitor, as the Attorney of Henry Elise Victor, the surviving Executor of the Will of THOMAS BRIGG, deceased, are required on or before the 19th day of February 1870 to send to Messrs. Rimington, Hore, and Langley, Solicitors for the said Administrator, the particulars of their claims upon or against the said Estate, and that at the expiration of such time the Administrator will hand over the whole of the Assets of the said deceased to the said Henry Elise Victor, having regard to the claims of which he shall then have notice. All persons indebted to the said Estate, or having property of deceased in their hands, are hereby required to pay or account for such debts or property to the said Administrator.—Dated this 19th day of January 1870.

RIMINGTON, HORE, & LANGLEY,
Solicitors, Bombay.

R. FELL AND SON.

AUCTION SALE AT THE "ICE FACTORY," NEAR THE POONA RAILWAY STATION,

ON SATURDAY, THE 5TH FEBRUARY 1870.

(Commencing at 5 P.M.)

R. FELL & SON having received instructions from the firm of W. LAMB & Co., Ice Manufacturers, to dispose of by PUBLIC AUCTION (conditionally) their Ice Machinery, consisting of

One four Horse Power Horizontal Engine and Boiler.
Ice Machine and Extras.
Three Water Tanks, four feet square.
One Water Cask.
One Water Pump.
A quantity of Composition, Piping and Cocks, Sundries, &c.

Plans of the Machine are to be seen at our Rooms, and information regarding it can be learnt at the Factory.

R. FELL & SON,
Auctioneers and Commission Agents.

Poona, 24th January 1 70.

WE, the UNDERSIGNED, beg to announce that we have THIS DAY COMMENCED BUSINESS as AUCTIONEERS and GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
IN
SASSOON'S BUILDINGS, ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, directly opposite the Bombay Mint.

We are prepared to effect Sales on Commission, by Auction or by Private Contract, of all kinds of Merchandise, Piece Goods, and Property, &c., &c.

All Sales will be conducted under immediate European Supervision.

General Merchandise and Piece Goods received at our Godowns for sale will be Covered by Insurance against Fire Risk to the extent of Rs 20,000 without extra charge.

Reference may be made to the Oriental Banking Corporation, Bombay.

We respectfully solicit the support of the Public.

COLLEY, MADELEY & Co.

Sassoon's Buildings, Elphinstone Circle, 1st February 1870.

EUROPE RESTAURANT.

MR. B. FELMON, the Proprietor, has much pleasure in announcing to his Patrons and the Public that he has OPENED the above-named place at No. 7 Meadow Street, Fort, where TIFFINS, ICE-CREAMS, WATER-ICES, TEA and FRENCH COFFEE are served up in the best Europe style, and hope to secure the comfort of Visitors and afford every satisfaction.

Bombay, 24th January 1870.

ICES! ICES!! ICES!!!

JEWANJEE'S EXCHANGE.

MESSRS. JEEWANJEE & Co. beg to intimate that they have arranged to have Superior ICE CREAMS and WATER ICE always ready at their Tiffin Rooms, at the corner of Meadow Street and Hummum Street, at 4 Annas a Glass.

JEWANJEE'S EXCHANGE.
(By JEWANJEE & Co., Proprietors Byculla Hotel)

MESSRS. JEWANJEE & Co. beg to intimate that their FIRST CLASS TIFFIN and BILLIARD ROOMS in the commodious premises at the corner of Meadow Street and Hummum Street are open daily, and that Hot-chops, Steaks, and Oysters, &c., &c., are served up in a superior style, at a minute's notice.

The Billiard Room and ordinary Tiffin Room are on the ground floor, and on the first flat there are half a dozen nicely fitted up private rooms for tiffins.

A First class selection of WINES, SPIRITS, and BEER, &c.

JEWANJEE & Co.

THE CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN.

MESSRS. JEWANJEE & Co., the Proprietors of the CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN, in thanking Visitors for the very liberal patronage extended to the Hotel throughout last season, beg to intimate that they have now RE-OPENED the Hotel.

The Chowk Hotel is the highest bungalow on the hill, and is therefore well exposed to the breeze. There is a large Verandah, from which the view is very pleasing, and also an excellent Billiard Table. Attached to the Hotel is a fine range of Bedrooms, and the furnishing and thorough cleanliness maintained will, the Proprietors hope, continue to secure the comfort of Visitors and afford satisfaction. Care is taken to keep on stock a good supply of Wines, Spirits, &c., of the first quality.

Terms as before, Rs. 6 per day.

BYCULLA REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

JEWANJEE AND COMPANY, Proprietors of the Byculla Hotel, beg to intimate that they have now OPENED a REFRESHMENT ESTABLISHMENT in connection with their Billiard Room adjoining the Byculla Hotel where Steaks, Chops, and other refreshments can be had at any hour at reasonable prices. Care will be taken to serve only first class meats, and excellent arrangements have been made for cooking at a moment's notice, by means of a patent stove just received from Europe, any dish in the bill of fare.

Private Rooms have been expressly built for the accommodation of Visitors, in connection with the Billiard Room, which has been refitted, and in which there are now four first-class Billiard Tables, brilliantly lighted with Gas.

Wines and Spirits and American Drinks of every description can be had at the bar of the Billiard Rooms.

GREAT EASTERN HOTEL.
WINE & GENERAL PURVEYING COMPANY (Ld).
ALLAHABAD BRANCH.

HOTEL DEPARTMENT ONLY.

ALLAHABAD having now become an important city, to meet its growing requirements, the Company has, at considerable expense, enlarged and improved their Hotel by the addition of an upper storey. From its central position, and close proximity to the Railway Station, the Hotel offers to Travellers, wishing to break their journey, a comfortable and quiet resting-place, with Refreshments of the very best.

The Hotel is on the Queen's Road, Allahabad, and within an easy walk of five minutes from the Terminus. It is fitted up and furnished in the most complete manner, and suited both for Families and Single Gentlemen; but the upper rooms are more especially adapted for Families, as they can be occupied one, two or three, en suite, with capital Bath Rooms attached. These Rooms are also, without exception, the coolest and most comfortable in the station.

The Wines, Spirits and Beer are selected from the Company's stock in Calcutta, and fresh supplies are sent monthly, thus ensuring to visitors the best and most unexceptionable articles of the kind to be procured in the North-Western Provinces.

A first-class slate Billiard Table is provided for the use of the Residents, and for the amusement during the short interval of Gentlemen passing through. The room is detached, and at some distance from the main building.

TERMS—STRICTLY CASH

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Number of Shares.	Nomal. value of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	10p.ct	Agra Bank	120
25,000	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,450
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New ...	603[illegible]r-d
10,000	500		100	Ditto 2nd Res. Issue....	1808r-d.
2,250	1,000	all	12 p.ct	Ditto of Madras	1,526
20,000	250	all	7 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	330
40,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	190
37,500	250	12[illegible]	8 do.	National Bank of India.	134
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	440

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 65	Colaba Land Co.....	1,525
10,500	1,000	all	Rs. 30	Elphi[illegible]e Land.....	1,000
10,900	1,000	650	11-14	Do. New	635
18,000	150	all	Nil	Fore Land & Pier Co. Ld	160
2,000	5,000	4,100	Nil	Mazagon Land	1,019
5,000	2,000	1,450	Nil	Port Canning	255

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.....	750
500	2,500	all	90	p.a Alliance Spinning	1,735
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay.....	2,300
600	1,000	all	10 p.c.	Bombay United	730
800	500	all	...	Broach Mills	210
900	1,000	all	...	Dhurumsey Spinning	1,040
700	1,000	all	150	p.a Great Eastern	1,230
500	1,000	all	50	Manockji Petit's	735
4,800	2,500	all	...	Oriental.....	1,280
600	2,500	2,300	...	Royal.....	1,000

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	350	p.a Akbar Cotton Press Co...	2,250
200	2,000	1,100	100	do. Albert Co. Kurrachee ...	575
250	2,500	850	000	do. Alexandra Press Co.....	470
	12,000	11,000	2000	do. Apollo Press Co.....	7,500
200	2,500	all	375	do. Bombay Press Co.....	2,125
200	500	all	33	do. Do. New	335
500	1,880	all	800	do. Colaba Press Co	8,500
350	1,000	all	....	East India Press Co.....	1,100
150	2,500	all	1000	Fort Press Co.....	2,200
300	2,000	1,800	....	Framji Cowasji Press	900
300	2,000	all	146	p.c Hydraulic Press Co.....	2,800
1000	5,000	2,000	100	p.s Kurrachee Press Co....	675
1,500	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co....	210
125	2,500	all	350	p.c Prince of Wales Press ..	3,000
225	2,000	750	200	p.c Victoria Press, Madras.	1,050
150	2,000	all	...	Tinnevelly Press Co.....	1,550

(Per share for the half-year.)

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	18.3.6	p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	235
...	£20	105.1.5	do.	Do. New £20 shares	117
...	£ 6	43.10.2	do.	Do.	...
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
...	£15	105.3.1	do.	Do. New Shares	200

MISCELLANEOUS.

	2,500	1,500	135	p.s Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	835
4,000	50	all	5p.c.	Mechanics' B'd'gs Co....	33
500	2,000	300	9	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	160
2,000	500	all	Nil	Treacher & Co.	310

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of Limitation.			
500	50	Jan.	'66	Bank of Bombay ..	45
5	35			Do. China.....	5
200	35	Sept.	'67	B'bay Trdg & B'kng	6
200	40	Sept.	'67	Brokers' Bank	15
250	...	Mar.	'66	Central Bank	3
...	...			East India Bank's..	15-1
200	10	Feb.	'67	Indian Peninsula ...	6
200	68	May	'67	Royal Bank	5
130	74	Apr.	'67	Old Financial	1

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

5,200	1,750	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	510
3,500	2,400	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.!	100
5,000	2,480	...	Bombay Ship Co....	100

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate
London	At sight	1s. 11 1/4d.
London Banks	6 months' sight.	1s. 11 13/16 d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 15/16d.
Do. Documents.	6 Do. do.	2s.
Calcutta	At sight	99
Do.	30 days' sight ..	99
Do.	60 days' sight ..	99
Madras	At sight	99
Do.	30 days' sight.	99
China	60 Do. do ...	221

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 2.

McGuire, Major, 1-1st Royal Regiment, from sick leave, from England.

Aylmers, Ensign, 103rd Regiment, to join, from England.

Harvey, Captain, 2-28th Regiment, to join, from England.

Durrant, Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Artillery, to join, from England.

Bushman, Veterinary Surgeon, 21st Hussars, to join, from England.

Moffat, Surgeon, 1-14th Regiment, on duty, from England.

Woodward, Staff Surgeon, Staff, on duty, from England.

Russell, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.

Cowper, Ensign, 98th Regiment, to join, from England.

Townsend, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.

Lithgow, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.

Haddart, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, to join, from England.

Walker, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, to join, from England.

Tytler, Lieutenant-Colonel, 106th Regiment, on duty, from England.

Handley, Lieutenant, 2-10th Foot, on duty, from England.

Stirling, Lieutenant, 92nd Foot, on duty, from England.

Campbell, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.

Baines, Lieutenant, 18th Hussars, on duty, from England.

Campbell, Lieutenant, 92nd Foot, on duty, from England.

Townsend, Lieutenant, 2-10th Foot, on duty, from England.

Bradshaw, Lieutenant, 1-5th Foot, on duty, from England.

Forizell, Captain, 1-14th Foot, on duty, from England.

Hume, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.

Adams, Captain, 40th Foot, on duty, from England.

Dawson, Captain, 92nd Foot, on duty, from England.

Magee, Captain, 2-12th Foot, on duty, from England.

Downe, Captain, 2-12th Foot, on duty, from England.

Beattie, Captain, 109th Foot, on duty, from England.

Johnson, Captain, 2-10th Foot, on duty, from England.

DeLys, Captain, 92nd Foot, on duty, from England.

Eyre, Captain, 98th Foot, on duty, from England.

Parnell, Captain, 1-3rd Foot, on duty, from England.

Logan, Captain, 2-24th Foot, on duty, from England.

McCarthy, Ensign, 2-1st Foot, on duty, from England.

Morley, Ensign, 1-8th Foot, on duty, from England.

Sugden, Ensign, 2-24th Foot, on duty, from England.

Okely, Ensign, 1-8th Foot, on duty, from England.

Dunbar, Ensign, 92nd Foot, on duty, from England.

Dowse, Ensign, 2-12th Foot, on duty, from England.

Hoskins, Ensign, 2-24th Foot, on duty, from England.

Gray, Ensign, 1-3rd Foot, on duty, from England.

Crofton, Ensign, 98th Foot, on duty, from England.

Pike, Ensign, 2-12th Foot, on duty, from England.

Melvin, Ensign, 109th Foot, on duty, from England.

Barr, Ensign, 109th Foot, on duty, from England.

Smith, Ensign, 2-1st Foot, on duty, from England.

Lavie, Ensign, 98th Foot, on duty, from England.

Hickson, Ensign, 1-3rd Foot, on duty, from England.

Wilkinson, Ensign, 2-24th Foot, on duty, from England.

Beresford, Ensign, 98th Foot, on duty, from England.

Thorp, Ensign, 2-1st Foot, on duty, from England.

Pope, Ensign, 2-24th Foot, on duty, from England.

Price, Ensign, 2-24th Foot, on duty, from England.

Whitla, Assistant Surgeon, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from England.

Dobson, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.

L'Estrange, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.

Craig, Assistant Surgeon, Medical, on duty, from England.

Heenan, Assistant Surgeon, Staff, from England.

Dwyer, Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from England.

Drew, Assistant Surgeon, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Scholapore.

Bond, Captain, 69th Regiment, on leave, from Canada.

Ward, Deputy Inspector, Medical, on duty, from Baroda.

Berton, Surgeon, Madras Army, on leave, from Madras.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 2.

Baumgartner, Major, Staff Corps, on duty, to Akulkote.

Beattie, Assistant Surgeon, 79th Highlanders, to join, to Kamptee.

Osborn, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, on duty, to Calcutta.

Ker, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bombay Infantry, on duty, to Deolalee.

Craig, Staff Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, to Beypore

Cathcart, Captain, Bombay Staff Corps, on duty, to Bundelcund.

Southey, Lieutenant, 16th Regiment, to Secundrabad.

ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters, Poona, 2nd Feb. 1870.

With reference to G O C No 649 of 22nd July 1869, and Quarter Master General's Circular No 537 and 6800 of 26th August and 13th October 1869, respectively, it is hereby notified, for the information of all departments that the E Battery 9th Brigade Royal Artillery will be quartered at Deolalee until further orders.

With reference to G O C No 764 and Quarter General's Circular No 3370 of 29th August 1869, the following alterations in the despatch of troops to England by Her Majesty Indian Troop ship, during the present season, are published for general information

Ship Jumna, 7.—Voyage date of departure from Bombay 15th February 1870—Troops 19th Hussars, 93rd Foot, and Invalids and time-expired men from Deolalee Depot.

Ship Malabar, 8.—Voyage date of departure from Bombay, 21st February 1870—Troops 102nd Foot, and Invalids and time-expired men from Deolalee Depot.

Ship Euphrates, 9.—Voyage date of departure from Bombay 28th February 1870,—Troops 7th Hussars and Invalids and time expired men from Beypore, Kurrachee, Poona, and Deolalee Depot.

The undermentioned Medical officers are placed on general duty, Bombay, with effect from dates specified :—

Surgeon R C McConnell, 19th January 1870.

Surgeon E P Burrowes, 11th January 1870.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

Royal Artillery—Lieut W Martin. (E Battery 18th Brigade) to Bombay, 30 days from date of departure, on medical certificate, preparatory to obtaining a final certificate to Europe.

21st Foot (1st Battalion)—Surgeon J P Lougheed to England overland, per Troop ship, from date of embarkation, to appear before Medical Board.

108th Foot—Ensign W J Orr, from 1st March 1870 to 30th April 1870 in extension, on private affairs.

8th Regiment N I—Captain E H Ashe, to Bombay, for 30 days from date of departure, on medical certificate, preparatory to obtaining a final certificate to Europe.

17th Regiment N I—Lieut. Colonel J H Reynolds, to Bombay, for 20 days, from date of departure, on medical certificate.

British Medical Department—Staff Assistant Surgeon W H Steele, M B, to England, overland, per Troop ship, from date of embarkation, to appear before medical board.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

(*Gazette of India*, Jan. 29.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Frank Hunter Barrow, appointed by the Secretary of State for India a member of Her Majesty's Civil Service on the Bengal Establishment, has reported his arrival in India on the 17th January.

Captain F. L. Playfair, Deputy Superintendent of Port Blair and the Nicobars, is appointed to officiate as Superintendent of those Settlements, during the absence of Colonel H. Man, or until further orders.

Mr. R. H. Greaves, appointed by the Secretary of State for India a member of Her Majesty's Civil Service on the Bengal Establishment, has reported his arrival in India on the 19th January.

Surgeon S. C. Townsend to be Superintendent of Vaccination and Sanitary Commissioner for the Central Provinces.

Surgeon J. Brake to be Inspector General of Jails in the same Provinces.

Surgeon R. T. Abbott, M.D., to be Sanitary Commissioner, Inspector General of Jails, and Superintendent of Vaccination in the Hyderabad Assigned District.

The services of Lieutenant-Colonel T. H. Chamberlain, City Magistrate of Lucknow, are placed at the disposal of the Government of the North-Western Provinces.

The Hon'ble A. G. Macpherson, a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal, is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough for a period of one year from the date of embarkation.

Subsidiary leave for 30 days is granted to Lieutenant-Colonel (Brevet Colonel) J. E. Gastrell, Superintendent of Revenue Surveys, Upper Circle, preparatory to his proceeding on furlough to Europe.

Lieutenant W. Gill, R.E., is appointed an Assistant Superintendent of the 2nd Grade in the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. Talboys Wheeler, Assistant Secretary in the Foreign Department, has obtained privilege leave for one month from the 25th January 1870, or such subsequent date.

Mr. J Talboys Wheeler, Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, to officiate as Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah during the absence on other duty of Major H. Nelson Davies, or until further orders. Mr. Wheeler will also, in his capacity as Officiating Secretary, have charge of the State Prisoners at Rangoon.

Mr. L. Bowring, C. S. I., Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg, is granted special leave on urgent private affairs for six months, with subsidiary leave for 10 days, from 3rd February 1870, or such date as he may avail himself of it.

Major A. E. Wilkinson, B A., Cantonment Magistrate of Fyzabad, to be an Assistant Commissioner of the 2nd Grade in Oudh.

With reference to the G. O. in this Department, dated 24th January 1870, No. 179G, appointing Mr. J. Talboys Wheeler, Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, to officiate as Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to change the designation of Assistant Secretary to that of Junior Under Secretary in the Foreign Department, and to appoint Mr. C. E. R. Girdlestone to officiate as Junior Under Secretary in succession to Mr. Wheeler. The appointment will have effect from the 25th January 1870.

Mr. J. M. Lane, Assistant Superintendent of the 1st Grade in the Telegraph Department, to be Superintendent of the 3rd Grade, with effect from the 16th October 1869, the date of Mr. J. H. Nowill's dismissal.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The services of Lieutenant J B Watts, of the 1st Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 2nd Regiment Madras Native Infantry, a probationer for the Madras Staff Corps, are placed at the disposal of the Foreign Department.

Captain George Rowlandson, of the Madras Staff Corps, is allowed furlough to Europe (medical certificate) for two years.

Lieutenant George Nicolas Channer, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Quartermaster of the 2nd Native Light Infantry, is allowed furlough on private affairs for eighteen months under the furlough Regulations of 1868, of which the first seven months, commencing from the 20th March next, may be spent in India, and the remained in Europe.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sydney Joseph Hire, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Assistant Adjutant General, Sirhind Division, is permitted to proceed to Europe on urgent private affairs for six months.

The services of Captain R. S. Armstrong, of the Madras Staff Corps, Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd Class in the Punjab, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Fort St George.

Captain T. F. C. Rochfort, who was appointed to officiate as Sub-Assistant in the Stud Department in room of Major Smith by G. G. O. No. 1127 of 1869, will continue to officiate in the same grade, with effect from the 21st December 1869, during the absence on sick leave to Europe of Lieutenant-Colonel H. LePoer Trench, or until further orders.

Major Charles Allan McDougall, of the Bengal Staff Corps, 2nd in Command and Wing Officer of the 41st (The Gwalior) Regiment of Native Infantry, is permitted to retire from the service on the pension of a Captain from the 28th February 1870.

Punjab Frontier Force.—No. 1 Horse Light Field Battery.—Lieutenant R. G. Fitzgerald, Officiating 2nd Subaltern, Peshawur Mountain Battery, to officiate as Subaltern, during the period Lieutenant J. Charles may officiate as Commandant, or until further orders.

Ditto, 1st Punjab Infantry—Lieutenant C. F. Powell, of the 95th Foot, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to officiate as 2nd Wing Subaltern on probation, during the absence on leave of Lieutenant L. R. H. D. Campbell, or until further orders.

The services of Captain J. B. Taylor, of the Madras Staff corps, Assistant District Superintendent of Police, 1st Class, in the Central Provinces, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Fort St. George.

The furlough in India on private affairs granted to Major W. E. Marshall, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Executive Engineer, Department Public Works, Bengal, in G. G. O. of the 21st December 1868, is extended to the 15th November 1870 on the same account.

The preparatory leave to visit Bombay granted to Lieutenant-Colonel (Brevet-Colonel) D S. Dodgson, of Infantry, Secretary, Bonus Compensation Committe, in G. G. O. of the 14th January 1870, is to be held to have effect from the 22nd January 1870.

The following promotions and alteration of rank are made, subject to Her Majesty's approval :—

PROMOTIONS.

Lieutenant Edward Cuthbert Brookes Rawlinson, General List, Cavalry, to be Captain from 26th December 1869, in room of Captain L. F. Wells, Cadre of the late 2nd European Light Cavalry, deceased.

Lieutenant D. R. Clarke (Staff Corps), Cadre of the late 55th Native Infantry, to be Captain from 29th October 1869, in room of Captain (Major in Staff Corps) W. Nembhard, promoted

ALTERATION OF RANK.

Captain (Lieutenant in Staff Corps) C. H. Plamer, Cadre of the late 55th Native Infantry, from June 1st 1869, in room of Captain H. A. Pakenham, deceased.

Lieutenant-Colonels James Edmund Mayne, Madras Staff Corps; Frederic John Goldsmid, C.B., Madras Staff Corps; Octavius Hamilton, Bengal Staff Corps, and Augustus Henry Ternan, Bengal Staff Corps, having completed five years' service as substantive Lieutenant-Colonels, are promoted to the rank of Colonel by Brevet, from the 24th Jan-1870, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

Majors Thomas Staples and Arthur Alderton, of the Bengal Staff Corps, having completed 26 years' service, are promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from the 27th January 1870, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

Captain McIlmoth Alaster Douglas Orchard, of the Bengal Staff Corps, having completed 20 years' service, is promoted to the rank of Major, from the 21st January 1870, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

Under the authority of the Secretary of State, the admission to the Bengal Staff Corps of 2nd Captain (Brevet Major) E L. Earle, of the Royal Artillery, attached to the Department of Public Works, announced in G. G. O. dated 11th February 1868, is to be held to have effect from the 20th November 1865, instead of the 3rd June 1867, as previously notified.

Punjab Frontier Force.—Brigadier General W. T. Hughes, C.B., Commandant of the 1st Punjab Cavalry and Officiating Commandant of the Punjab Frontier Force, to be Commandant of the Force, with effect from the 2nd instant, in succession to Colon l Sir A. T. Wilde, K.C.B., C.S.I., appointed Secretary to Government, Military Department, at Fort St. George.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant W. Shepherd, R.E., Executive Engineer, 3rd grade, having returned from furlough, is posted to Oudh.

Lieutenant Colonel C. Pollard, R.E., Chief Engineer, 3rd class, temporary additional Joint-Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, is appointed to officiate as Joint-Secretary and Consulting Engineer to that Government in the Railway Branch, vice Lieutenant-Colonel H. Drummond, R.E., who has obtained furlough.

Captain J. P. Westmorland, R.E. is re-appointed to the Public Works Department as a Controller of Accounts of the 4th class, and posted to Central India, but will officiate as Controller, 2nd class, Punjab, during the absence of Lieutenant-Colonel F. N. Smith, who has been granted furlough to Europe, or until further orders.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—2ND FEBRUARY.

London...	Cotton	£3 0s 0d.	Nom.p.ton
	Cases	£3 0s. 0d. to £3 5s. 0d.	
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.	
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 12s. 6d. to £1 17s. 6d.	,,
	Wooden Ships ,, ...	£1 12s. 6d. to £1 15s. 0d.	
	Myrabolms & Colr bdls	£0 10s. 0d. to £0 12s. 6d.	
	Seeds	£0 15s. 0d. to £1 0s. 0d.	
Havre.....	Cotton	£2 8s. 0d. to £2 10s.	Nominal
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland ..Steamers		£4 10s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d.	
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£3 5s. 0d	
China ...	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 6	per bale.
	,, Opium.....	Rs. 25 to 30	per chest.
	Sailing Ships		Nominal
Calcutta .. Salt.....		Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0	per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 13 to 14 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
2	Arabia (s).....	Sanders	Calcutta, Jan. 11.
	Phlox (s).....	Baker.....	Goa, Jan. 31.
	Viscount Canning(s)	Fredrickson ...	Buscora, Jan. 15.
	Evening Star	Harley	Hongkong, Nov. 29.
	Prince of Wales	Xacoda	Mauritius, Dec. 21.
	Enterpe.....	Josens	London, Sept. 1.
	John Temperley.....	Tucker	London, Sept. 29.
	Ambrose	Jonnell	Liverpool, Sept. 13.

DEPARTURE.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
2	Bessie.....	Langlois	Penang.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday—

Ship Evan Beaulieu, Buschmann, to Rangoon and Akyab, &c.

Ship Futtay Hallam, Nacoda, to Calcutta and Malabar Coast.

Ship Hydree, Nacoda, to Juddah and Hoodooda.

Barque Anna, Gunnussen, to Rangoon.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—

Steamer Phlox, to Coast and Goa.

Steamer Leith, to Liverpool via Havre.

Steamer Tilly, to Malabar Coast.

POSTAL NOTICES.

OVERLAND MAILS.

The Overland Mail, per P. and O. Co.'s steam packet, will be closed on SATURDAY, the 5th Feb., at 2 P.M.; the after-packet at 3 P.M. After-packet letters will not be forwarded unless an 8-anna Stamp is affixed to the letter in addition to the postage. Registered letters will be received until 1 P.M. The latest hour for posting at the several Branch Post Offices is 1 P.M.

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

The Post Office Packet for Australia, per P. & O. steamers will be closed at 9 A.M. on the following date; the regulations regarding late and registered letters being the same as those for the China Mail :—

Friday .....Feb. 7

MAILS FOR MAURITIUS, THE CAPE, &c.

The Government of Mauritius having terminated their Contract with the Union Steam Ship Company for the conveyance of Mails between Ceylon and Mauritius, and between Mauritius and Natal, letters, &c., for Mauritius will, in future, be forwarded *via* Aden, to be thence conveyed by the French Mail Packets.

As the communication with the Cape of Good Hope and Natal is also thus cut off, all correspondence addressed to those Colonies, will under instructions be sent in the Mail for London.

In consequence of the alteration of the dates of departure of the French Mail Packets from Aden to Mauritius, the Mails for Mauritius, Reunion, &c., will be forwarded on the 4th December, from Bombay to Aden, to be thence conveyed by the above-named Packets to destination.

THE INDIAN TRAVELLERS' GUIDE FOR FEBRUARY.

PRICE—EIGHT ANNAS.

CONTAINING the latest alterations in the time of running of the Trains on the various Lines of Railway, the time tables of the Local Trains between Bombay and Bandora, on the B. B. and C. I. and G. I. P. Lines, Steamer time tables, in addition to a large amount of interesting and useful information to travellers.

The GUIDE, having a large circulation amongst travellers, by rail and otherwise is a most effective medium for advertisements.

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AGENTS:

Bombay and Poona :—Messrs. Chesson and Woodhall.
Bombay :—Messrs. Thacker, Vining & Co.
Poona :—Messrs. Treacher & Co.
Alexandria :—Messrs. D. Robertson, and
London :—Mr. G. Street 30 Cornhill.

ADVERTISING AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

THE Proprietor of the "Bombay Gazette" Press having leased (among other privileges) from the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company, the exclusive right of advertising at all the Railway Stations belonging to these two Companies, is prepared to contract with parties desirous of posting Notices or Advertisements on the lines.

The announcements may be in English or in any of the Native languages.

The advantages which Railway Stations present as a means of bringing intimations of all kinds before the public have been demonstrated in England by the extensive use which is made by Advertisers, of every station, great and small, along every line in the United Kingdom.

Insurance Companies, Shipping Companies, Hotel-keepers, Merchants, Traders, and others who wish to force their business on the notice of the public, all alike value the prilege of Railway Station Advertising

There is no reason why the privilege should not be also specially valuable to Advertisers in India. Looking to the great and increasing number of Native Railway passengers on the two trunk lines of Western India, native merchants, traders, &c., seeing that they have the privilege of advertising in their own language, would find the publication of their announcements at Railway Stations a decided means of extending their business.

Placards, according to the taste of Advertisers, may be printed at the "Bombay Gazette" Press.

Advertisers can select the Stations, on either line, at which they wish their Placards posted, and may advertise for any period that may be agreed on. The charges have been fixed on an extremely moderate scale to encourage Advertisers to make a liberal use of the new means now offered of making announcements known to the public.

Terms of Advertising may be learned on application to the Manager "Bombay Gazette" Press.

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NOTICE.—The BAND of HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR will play at the RACES this afternoon at 4 o'clock, instead of on the Esplanade.

TOWNLEY M. PITCAITH,
Military Secretary to H. E. the Governor.
Government House, Malabar Point, 3rd February 1870.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

MADRAS.

MARRIAGE.

BELL—HALSALL—January 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, Madras, by Banns, by the Rev. Alexander Clark, M. A., James R. Bell, C. E. to Mary Muter, eldest daughter of James Halsall, Esq., Sandhurst, Bootle, near Liverpool.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

BIRTH.

BRAKE—2January 7th, at Nagpore, the wife of Dr. Brake, Superintendent-General of Vaccination, Central Provinces and Berars, of a daughter.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTH.

GRAHAM—At Nowgong, N. W. P., the wife of Charles Graham, Esq., of a daughter.

DEATH.

VIVIAN—January 18th, at Rajanpore, of Dysentery, Ernest James, youngest child of Captain A. Vivian, Officiating Commandant 3rd Punjab Cavalry, aged 14 months and 15 days.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1870.

THE battery of heavy guns which the *Westminster Review* opened against the Contagious Diseases Acts, has now fired another salvo. We are treated to an immense essay, covering no fewer than fifty-nine pages, and treating of the whole subject from an historical point of view. We march in bad company from the days of Constantine down to our own age, and the legislation and despotic ordinances of many rulers pass before us in review. The writer examines the policy of Repression, the policy of Indifference, the mixed policy of regulated Toleration, and in his eyes all are equally ineffectual. A prodigious array of condensed facts are presented for our consideration; we see one mode of treatment after another overhauled and found useless; we read of the methods enforced and the systems adopted in nearly every great and some small European states; and we are carried along in the hope and with the promise of the straightforward communication of a new policy. At the very outset the Reviewer tells us that repression and indifference and toleration have been tried in vain, that "no country has ever yet been tempted to make trial of the Policy of Justice and Common Sense;" and we are buoyed up by the hope and belief that the oracle will explain those grand words and reveal the secret of that method which, he says, alone can be successful. What is it? At the end of the fifty-ninth page of this erudite article we are as wise as we were when we read the initial word. The paper is all preface. On reaching the point where light should break upon the mind bewildered and saddened with the failures of ages, we are coolly told to wait until April No doubt these strongly-flavoured pages are excellent reading, and the Ladies' Association will probably reprint them for the benefit of the rising and the risen generation. But what the public wanted was the solution, the new word on an old theme, and the public is fobbed off with a promise that a broken pledge shall yet be redeemed. We must confess to our profound disappointment. At the same time we are not insensible to the fact that the writer's mode of evolving his subject and preparing the public for a revelation, is eminently calculated to inflame the reader and excite his curiosity. What can it be that all the best and sternest rulers of men have missed, and that the *Westminster* Reviewer has found? What is the Policy of Justice and Common Sense? How much more to the point it would have been had the reviewer kindly consented to reduce in volume his historical survey, curious and instructive as it is, and had he gone straight to the exposition of the wonderful secret which he has determined to keep in his breast until—shall we say, the 1st of April?

After we have carefully perused the article, we find that it affords a complete and just condemnation of the system known as repression. Failure, worse than failure, has followed every effort to extirpate by violence what has been called the sin of great cities. Constantine and Justinian achieved no greater success than Pio Nono. Yet through the centuries we find periods of warfare against prostitution succeeded by periods of laxity brought about by the extent and virulence of profligacy which had its origin in measures of extreme severity. Under the fostering influence of those measures every variety of the vice increased, and disease broke out with augmented force; until, in sheer despair and helplessness, as well as by a natural reaction, the rulers relaxed and finally abandoned their contest with natural instincts as well as vicious passions. It is proved by experience that no application of physical force—flogging, imprisonment, mutilation, death—has ever availed to eradicate, or lessen, the evil against which it was, in every shape, directed. Even in Rome, where a theocratic government is supposed to punish relentlessly every form of the vice, it prevails, almost with impunity. The wisdom of counsellors and the craft of the police are exerted in vain. The counsellor is apt to wink hard, and the constable is not indisposed to levy black mail. No doubt the immorality of the place is covered with the veil of hypocrisy; but the very secresy, which is imperative, leads to hideous and revolting examples of human perversity, and the traffic is carried on by arrangements unknown in countries where the State is practically indifferent. No one can read the pages of the *Review* and reflect on the instincts of the human race without being convinced that the remedy of repression is infinitely more debasing and destructive than the evil it is intended to cure.

The policy of indifference, until a recent period, was well exemplified at home, and there, even now, it may be said to prevail. It is the desire to escape from absolute, or nearly absolute non-interference, to mitigate the evils arising from profligacy, that has raised an outcry which every day grows in strength. Our Reviewer approves of indifference no more than he does of repression; he recognizes the facts, and proposes to deal with them; but he is as hostile to the Contagious Diseases Acts, and the modified system of regulation they represent, as if he were a member of the Ladies' Association. It is in treating of this branch of the subject that, as we think, he fails. If he were compelled either to be indifferent to the evil or to strive after its repression by brute agencies, or to recognize and control and mitigate, we cannot but infer that the reviewer would himself become a defender of the method he now assails. Each plan is accompanied by evils inherent in the subject, but the evils of the third method are, by the showing of the reviewer himself, less than those of the other two. It is vain to say that recognition and regulation increase clandestine prostitution, because there is no proof that the mischief in that form was not as great, if not greater, under the operation of the other systems where they have been tried. Yet the whole pith of his argument lies in the assertion that recognition and regulation make matters worse. The assertion that the plan of inspection is "brutalizing" is an assertion and nothing more. At the outset, untamed and utterly neglected women may resist, and those in whom some delicate feelings remain may resent the endeavour to improve their physical condition. But time and experience would overcome both, for no creature wilfully cherishes disease. At any rate, it is absurd to charge upon the method now preferred all the calamities which arise under the other methods, since many of them are independent of every system and spring from other causes. The great evil of clandestine vice, for example—how is that to be uprooted by any but moral means? All that the English medical reformers, who have carried the Contagions Diseases Acts,

BOMBAY.

The ship W. W. Smith, from Cardiff to Bussorah, was spoken 1st January leaky and disabled.

Mails for Zanzibar, per Cottia Lucknee Pursad, will be closed at the General Post Office, to-day, at 9 A.M.

The gentlemen summoned for the special jury are required to be in attendance at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The ship Wimbledon, from Bombay to Liverpool, put into St. Helena leaky; but being unable to repair there, took on board a quantity of coals for the Condenser, and sailed for Liverpool 8th December.

Gambling.—Two Hindoos were yesterday charged with keeping a common gaming house at Khutharally, and with gaming therein with dice and money. They pleaded guilty, and were fined Rs. 50 each.

Mr. John J. Jardine, of the Bombay Civil Service, who returned by the last mail, resumed charge of his appointment as Under Secretary to Government in the Legislative and Judicial Departments on the afternoon of Tuesday.

The steamer Viscount Canning, 531 tons, under Siamese flag, Captain J. Frederikson, from Bussra and Bushire, with grain and horses for Bombay, came into our harbour yesterday for coal and water. She will proceed on her voyage to-morrow.—*Our Paper*, Jan. 28.

Suicide.—A coroner's inquest was held yesterday at Kandawaddy, on the body of one Appa, who on the previous night jumped into a well while in a state of drunkenness and was drowned. He was taken out by means of grappling irons. The jury came to the conclusion that the deceased had committed suicide.

The Back Bay Company.—It was stated some time ago that the Government intended to purchase certain valuable properties at Chowpatty and Walkeshwer belonging to the Bombay Reclamation Company. A native paper now understands that the Collector of Bombay has valued the above properties at Rs. 11,00,000. The other property belonging to the same company at Colaba has been valued at Rs. 11,34,060.

Bombay Mechanics' Institution.—The tenth monthly meeting of the committee of Directors of the Bombay Mechanic Institution was held in their rooms over the Dockyard Gate, on Tuesday the 1st inst., at 5 P.M. Members elected—Messrs. George Ainsworth, George Brooks, Richard Dowling, Richard Martin, George Noble, Nusserwanjee Merwanjee Panday, George Taylor, C. E., and Captain J. Hibbert.—Re-admitted; Mr. C. L. Yeats.

The Rev. John Small, who has been labouring with great zeal and devotedness for six years past in the Free Church Institution in Poona, has been transferred to the Bombay Institution, in connection with the same church. Mr. Small is a very able and successful teacher. He will be greatly missed in Poona. The masters and pupils, on the eve of his departure, presented him with a valuable diamond ring as a token of their esteem and gratitude.—*Deccan Herald.*

There was an exodus of ladies and idle gentlemen from Poona yesterday. Those who witnessed it wondered much, and were at their wits' end to learn the cause of it. It was thought by some medical gentlemen amongst the spectators, that the persons leaving Poona showed symptoms of that English malady which is called by the French name *ennui*, which is said to arise from the want of a want, and to constitute the complaint of those who have nothing to complain of. A little inquiry, however, elicited the desired information—these people were going to Bombay to assist at the Bachelors' ball to-night. If these bachelors can attract so many ladies from Poona, we must say that only one-half of what Dr. Johnson said was true:—"A married man has many cares; but a bachelor has no pleasures." The first is true, and may partly account for the exodus of the ladies; but the second part cannot be true. The fair sex should be informed with regard to these bachelors, that they themselves maintain that celibacy should be taxed by Government, assigning as a reason that—"it is quite a luxury."—*Ibid.*

In exercise of the power conferred by the General Stamp Act 1869, section 5, para. 5, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to prescribe the following rule:—Whether the use of blue and black bicolor stamps, prescribed in Financial Notification, No. 2778, dated 29th day of April 1868, for documents mentioned in the Schedule A annexed to Act No. X of 1862 has been introduced under the authority of the Governor General in Council, such stamps shall be exclusively used for all documents mentioned in the first and second schedules annexed to the General Stamp Act 1869 other than—(*a*). Documents which, under section 5 of the same act, para. (*a*), may be stamped with adhesive stamps; and (*b*). Documents on which the stamps may be denoted by the Collector or Superintendent of Stamps under the same section, para (*b*). —*Gazette of India.*

One of the immediate effects likely to be produced by the successful opening of the Suez Canal is the prospect of our soon having six instead of four mails a month for England; and indeed if the trade between India and Europe via the Suez Canal developes itself as rapidly as is anticipated, we shall soon have regular bi-weekly mails. Compagnie Marseillaise has determined to run monthly steamers between Marseilles and Bombay, and the directors of the Austrian Lloyds' are going to do the same between Bombay and Trieste. There will be consequently six direct steamers monthly, including those of the P. & O. Company, each of them carrying a mail; but what is of more interest to the generality of the public, is that this competition will compel the P. & O. Company to lower their high rates of passage.—*Englishman's Weekly Journal*, Jan. 29.

The good people of Bombay appear to have made up their minds to treat the Royal Duke during his visit to that Presidency to a Fancy Ball, for we hear that considerable orders have already been received in Calcutta for dresses, wigs, &c., which it seems are not so easily procurable in Bombay. We are rather surprised at this; for if it be true that Sir Seymour Fitzgerald during his stay at the Government House, not only expressed his astonishment at the price charged for the silk mantle he wore on the occasion of the investiture of His Royal Highness as Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India, but actually asked whether it was the custom in Calcutta to pay whatsoever price a tailor may chose to charge, we should have thought that there would be but few who would venture to order fancy dresses from Calcutta, without first ascertaining their probable cost. We are told that the price of the mantle above referred to was rupees *eight hundred.*—*Englishman's Weekly Journal*, Jan. 29.

[Our local readers do not need to be told that the Fancy Ball for which the wigs, &c., are wanted is not to be one in honour of the Duke.]

The Governor General in Council has authorized the affiliation in law of the Canning College, Lucknow, to the Calcutta University, with effect from the 1st instant.

SHIPPING AND PASSENGERS.

The ship Morning Star, Captain Harley, arrived yesterday from Hongkong with a general cargo.

The ship John Temperley, Captain Tucker, arrived yesterday from London with a cargo of iron.

The ship Prince of Wales, Nacoda, arrived yesterday from Mauritius with a cargo of sugar.

The ship Euterpe, Captain Cosens, arrived yesterday from London with general cargo, and Mr. H. Hope as a passenger. She spoke the French barque Jean Petine, lat. 1 deg. S. and long. 81 deg. E. from Coringa.

The s. s. Phlox, Captain Baker, arrived yesterday from Goa with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. Farlow, eight deck passengers, twenty-one women and fifty children.

The s. s. Viscount Canning, Captain Frederickson, arrived yesterday from Bussorah with a general cargo, and thirty deck passengers.

The s. s. Arabia, Captain Sanders, arrived yesterday from Malabar Coast and Calcutta with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. J. Simpson, Captain Boud, Mons. Pents, Hon'ble Mr. Sassoon, Mr. and Mrs. Gubby, Mr. A. Benjamin, Mr. Hilliers, Mr. Wigston, Mr. Rossay, Mr. Suson, Mr. L. Queense, Mr. Roberts, Captain Teail, Dr. Renton, Mr. John Sanders, and thirty-three deck passengers.

PROSPECTS OF THE COLD WEATHER CROPS IN KATTYWAR.

With reference to Government Resolution No. 3832 of 27th November last, Colonel W. W. Anderson, Political Agent in Kattywar, reports to Government that the prospects of the cold weather crops of the Kattywar province continue favourable, and that no fresh measures to meet the actual needs of the population have been found to be necessary.

Resolution of Government—This intelligence is satisfactory.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.—2ND FEB.

(Before J. O'Leary, Esq.)

NUSSERWANJEE JEHANGHEERJEE WADIA VS. GHATEE TOOLSEYRAM MYTOO THORA.

Mr. Jehanghier Merwanjee, pleader, appeared for plaintiff; defendant did not appear. The suit was brought to recover Rs. 959, being the rent due by defendant to plaintiff as per agreement for the occupation of his (plaintiff's) land at Ambotee, &c. Mr. Jehanghier produced the agreement in support of his case. The Court held that it required registration under clause 13 of Act XVI of 1864, and therefore refused to receive it. The plaintiff was therefore nonsuited.

MUNCHERJEE NOWROJEE VS. JOHN BARRETTO AND CO.

In this case the plaintiff sought to recover Rs. 1,304-10-4, balance payable by defendant as per account rendered by him up to 31st July 1868. The plaintiff abandoned the excess with a view to bring the case within the jurisdiction of the Court. Mr. Hormusjee Dadabhoy Vakil appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Hore, of Messrs. Rimington, Hore, and Langley, solicitor, for Mr. F. S. de Monte, who was described in the summons as a partner to the firm of the defendants; Mr. Barretto in person. Mr. Hore urged that his client was not a partner in the firm of John Barretto and Co., and his name was therefore struck out of the summons; the other defendant admitted the claim, and applied that the same should be made payable by instalments. Mr. Hormusjee said that the defendant was actually in embarrassed circumstances, as there was an attachment against his property from the High Court. The Court refused the defendant's application, and gave verdict for plaintiff for Rs. 1,000 and costs.

GOVINDRAM JAGGOPALDAS, (by means of his Moonim, Huzareemull Shewlal) vs. GUNGARAM JADNARAYEN.

The suit was to recover Rs. 1,000, being the money found to be due from defendants to plaintiffs on accounts stated between them, &c. Mr. Tyabjee, Barrister-at-Law, appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Khunderao for the defendants. Mr. Khunderao applied for a postponement, but the Court refused the application and proceeded with the case. The defendant did not appear. The debt was proved, and the judge gave verdict for plaintiff for the amount claimed and costs.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.

The following dates of private telegrams were received at the Bombay Telegraph Office during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday evening:—

United Kingdom, via Turkey, 31st January.
United Kingdom, via Russia, 29th January.
Continent of Europe, via Turkey, 31st January.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 1st February to 8 P.M. of the 2nd February is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	5 18	0 5
,, Calcutta	9 55	6 54
,, Madras	16 40	1 17

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

Undelivered messages in the Bombay Signal Office—Satashtany Saib, from Avanashy, Belgaum.
Lewis, Manager Agra Bank, from Kohat.
Messons Beg, from Bussorah.
Govuntha Tilloo, from Alleppey.
Nursoo, Sudder Bazaar, from Nagpore.
Bhimacharee Gulgulee, from Dharwar.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

Kurrachee, 2nd February.—Cable communication perfect to Fao; Turkish line right to Pera; Persian line right to Europe. Latest dates from Great Britain via Turkey, 31st January, 7-37 P.M., via Russia, 29th January, 11-50 P.M.

SPORTING.

NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Western India Turf Club will take place at the Stewards' Stand, Byculla, on Monday the 7th February at 7 A.M.

The accounts of the Club for 1869 will be laid before the meeting.

The following proposals will be made by the Stewards under Rule 16 of the Club Rules:—

1st. That the Bombay Races shall in future commence on the last, instead of the first, Thursday in February, and that the rules be altered accordingly.

2nd. That the Calcutta classification and definition of country breds be adopted by the Club.

3rd. That the Calcutta scale of weight for class, age and inches be also adopted.

4th. That the entrance donation to the Club be reduced from Rs. 50 to Rs. 30.

Any proposals from other members will then be received, but notice of them should be given to the Secretary at least one day before the meeting, in accordance with Rule 15.

The Stewards and Secretary for the ensuing year shall then be elected.

F. F. Arbuthnot,
Honorary Secretary Western India Turf Club.
1st February 1870.

STAMP DUTY FOR WILLS.

Memo.—By W. Stokes, Esq., Secretary to the Council of the Governor-General for making Laws and Regulations, dated 15th January 1870.

In returning the original papers received from the Financial Department under cover of endorsement No. 351, dated 13th instant, relative to the question raised by the Financial Commissioner of Oudh, whether wills are liable to stamp duty under Act XVIII of 1869, the undersigned is directed to state that Act No. XVIII of 1869 does not and was not intended to apply to wills.

Wills were specially exempted in Act X of 1862, apparently because there was a general clause (No. 36) in schedule A. to that Act imposing a one rupee stamp on all deeds not otherwise charged or expressly exempted. But this general clause was intentionally omitted in the present Act, and the insertion of the special exemption was therefore unnecessary.

The Financial Commissioner might be told that not only wills, but deeds of dower not affecting immoveable property, are now exempt from stamp duty. In fact no instruments are chargeable except those specified in the schedules to Act XVIII of 1869.

SHIPPING, FREIGHTS, &c.

Liverpool, 6th Jan.

Owing to the interruption of the Christmas holidays the amount of business transacted in the freight market during the past week has been very small, and there is no alteration calling for special notice. Outward freights are still very scarce, and the rates quoted below are difficult to realise. The India Council invite tenders for conveyance of 3,000 tons of coal for Bombay for shipment early next year. This requirement strengthens the opinion that the stock of coal accumulated in the stores at Bombay has so depreciated as to be almost useless for steam purposes, and by last accounts the Government have been unable to obtain an offer for a large quantity that was put up for sale by public auction. The stock of salt in Calcutta continues large, and, the quotations being low, merchants are reluctant to operate except at exceedingly low rates. For China there is very little doing, and the quotations sale low. Homeward chartering is almost ratively confined to guano from the Chicha Islands to the Continent, the rates for which have not altered.—*Sales Advertiser.*

A correspondent of the Vienna *Wanderer* states that the Russian Government intends to demand from the Chinese Embassy that its subjects shall have the right of trading in every part of the Celestial Empire, and that Russia shall be empowered to send consuls to every considerable town in China. If this be true, the labours of the Embassy will be less prominent in St. Petersburg than they have been in some other European capitals.

Maravilla Cocoa.—For Breakfast.—The *Globe* says:—"Various important manufactures have attempted to attain a reputation for their prepared Cocoas, but we doubt whether any thorough success has been achieved until Messrs. Taylor Brothers discovered the extraordinary qualities of 'Mara villa' Cocoa. Adapting their perfect system of preparation to this finest of all species of the Theobroma, they have produced an article which supersedes every other Cocoa in the market. Entire solubility, a delicate aroma, and a rare concentration of the purest elements of nutrition, distinguish the Maravilla Cocoa above all others. For Homœopaths and invalids we could not recommend a more agreeable or valuable beverage." Sold in packets only by all Grocers, of whom also may be had Taylor Brothers' Original Homœopathic Cocoa and Soluble Chocolate. Steam Mills—Brick Lane, London.

INVENTIONS.

The *Gazette of India* notifies that the undermentioned specifications of inventions have been filed in the office of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department. Copies have been sent to the Secretariat at Bombay—

Mr. William Weir, Engineer, residing at Colaba, in the island of Bombay, for compressing cotton, jute, wool, flax or any other material of a compressible nature, in two or more bales, at one and the same time.

Mr. Andrew Handyside, of No. 32, Wullbrook, in the city of London, and Mr. George Ashcroft, of Alexandria, in Egypt, for improvements in supplying water under pressure to the hydraulic cylinder of cotton or other presses.

Mr. Charles Edward Mitchell, of Bombay, Merchant, for an improved non-conducting composition for preventing the radiation or transmission of heat or cold, and an improved method of applying the same.

Mr. Allan McDougall Clark, Assistant to Messrs. Mackillop, Stewart and Co., Merchants, Calcutta, for fastening bales of cotton or other goods.

SUIT REGARDING RIGHTS OF POSSESSION.

A suit brought by Byramjee Hormusjee Patel and Burjorjee Dorabjee vs. Jerbaie and Heerjeebhoy Rustomjee Patel—a case of some interest to the Parsee community—came on before the Chief Justice for judgment at the High Court on 21st January.

The suit was brought by the plaintiffs as executors of the will of Dadabhoy Rustomjee, late of Bombay, deceased, against the first defendant, wife of Heerjeebhoy Rustomjee Patel, (who is now resident in England), and Sorabjee H. Patel, to recover possession of certain ground with a bungalow and other buildings situate at Upper Mahim, bounded on the north by a public road, on the east by a public passage, on the south by an oart belonging to Hurrichund Damoodjee, and on the west by the Church of St. Michael, and containing by measurement 2,382 square yards or thereabouts.

The plaint was as follows: The plaintiffs, previous to their dispossession, as hereinafter mentioned, were in possession of certain ground with a bungalow and other buildings thereon situate at Mahim. On the 4th May 1869, the second defendant with certain persons acting under his orders, and the order of the defendant Jerbaie, dispossessed plaintiffs without their (the plaintiffs') consent of the said immoveable property, otherwise than by due course of law; and the plaintiffs claim to be entitled to recover possession of the said property.

The case put forward by the plaintiffs was as follows:—Dadabhoy Rustomjee, a Parsee gentleman, died in Bombay on the 4th April 1869, having previously made his last will in the Guzerathi language, bearing date 9th March 1869; and appointed Byramjee Hormusjee Patel and Byramjee Dorabjee Patel, sons of his sister, to be executors of the said will. Soon after the death of the testator, the executors took possession of the moveable and immoveable property left by him. A furnished bungalow at Upper Mahim, opposite the G. I. P. R. station, is one of the properties devised by the testator, who was in possession thereof for more than twenty-five years. A brass padlock was placed on the door of the bungalow by the executor on the fourth day after the testator's death, that is on the 7th April last, and the gate of the compound was secured from outside. Sorabjee Heerjeebhoy Patel, a son of the testator's brother (who is now in England), first requested the mother of the testator, who has the life-interest in the property under the will of the testator, to allow him the use of the bungalow for a time, rent free; and then made the same request to the executors, who refused to comply with the same, stating that, as executors, they could not allow any person to use the bungalow free of rent, but at the same time they offered to let the bungalow to him. Sorabjee made a similar request to mutual friends and relatives—Mr. Hormusjee Bomanjee Wadia and Mr. Ardaseer Dhunjeebhoy Wadia—with a view to their persuading the executors to let him have the use of the bungalow. Afterwards Sorabjee alleged that the bungalow belonged to his father, or that his father had an interest in it; but the executors declined to recognize Sorabjee's rights, and told him plainly that they held it under the will, and could not part with it unless ordered to do so by a court of law—especially as this claim was never made during the life-time of the testator. Thereupon Sorabjee threatened the executors with proceedings, but without avail. Failing in these endeavours, he proceeded to Mahim on the 4th May 1869, accompanied by a Parsee cook of his named Peston (Pestonjee Hormusjee), two Parsee sepoys, and four Parsees (as alleged) *talimwallahs*, and other persons. At about 1 o'clock p.m., Sorabjee and one of these men went to the gate of the compound at Upper Mahim and called for the mallee, who, on being told to come out, opened a wicket in the gate and came out. As he did so, Sorabjee led him a few feet away and held him by the hand, engaging him in conversation for a time. In the meanwhile his companions entered the compound by a small back entrance, intended for the use of domestic servants, and when the mallee returned he found the lock removed and the door of the bungalow opened. On his remonstrating with Sorabjee on these violent proceedings, the mallee was ordered to be silent and threatened with punishment if he said anything more. When the executors were informed by the mallee at about 4 o'clock p. m. the same day of what had happened, they proceeded the same evening by train to Mahim. On entering the compound of the house in question, Byramjee Hormusjee Patel found the door of the bungalow open and saw the defendant Sorabjee and his companions inside. Byramjee remonstrated against the arbitrary proceedings which had been taken, when he was derisively challenged by Sorabjee to do his worst, as he (Sorabjee) meant to continue in possession of the bungalow. The executors left for Bombay by the train which started from Mahim the same evening, and ever since then, defendant had continued in possession of the property.

In their written statement the defendants denied "that the plaintiffs ever were in possession of a piece of ground with the bungalow and other buildings thereon situate at Upper Mahim, as the first para of the plaint alleged. (2) The defendants deny that they or either or them, or any persons acting under their or either of their orders, dispossessed the plaintiffs of the said immoveable property. (3) The defendants submit that the plaintiffs are not entitled to recover possession of the said property under section 16 of Act XIV. of 1857 of the Legislative Council of India, and that as the real question between the plaintiffs and the defendants is the question of title to the said property, the present suit is vexatious and ought to be dismissed with costs. (4) The defendants crave leave to refer to certain proceedings taken by the plaintiffs against the second defendant and others in the Police Court at Girgaum on the 15th and 20th May 1869, when the same shall be produced in Court."

The matter had been taken before Mr. Showell, second Magistrate of Police, but Mr. Showell, after going into the case at considerable length, dismissed the suit on the ground that the question at issue was evidently one of title, which was not for adjudication in his court. Costs were applied for on behalf of the defendants, and the Magistrate allowed Rs. 320 to be paid by the complainants to the defendants.

The hearing of the suit was commenced in the High Court on the 13th January, and extended over the two following days.

Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Green, instructed by Messrs. Hearn, Cleveland and Peile were counsel for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Scoble (acting Advocate General) and Mr. Starling appeared on the other side.

The Chief Justice in giving judgment said the only question here, in his opinion, was, whether the plaintiff, on the 7th April 1869, two days after the death of Dadabhoy Rustomjee, took possession of the premises in question; and whether the defendants dispossessed the plaintiff from the property of which they had so taken possession? Having commented on the evidence at some length, his Lordship said it was proved that the defendant Sorabjee, at the time when he went to take possession of the bungalow, was aware that there was possession of the property by the plaintiffs, and that he could not obtain possession of it without breaking open the lock of the door and doing what would amount to a dispossession of the plaintiffs. He must say he did not believe the evidence which had been given on the part of the defendants, and he said so with regret. It was the duty of the plaintiffs to take possession of the property after the death of the testator. The defendant Sorabjee was the active party in the acts complained of by the plaintiffs, but Jerbaie was also responsible for what he did. It was possible, and indeed there did not seem any reason to doubt that the defendants thought they had a title or right to the possession of the premises; but that question could not be gone into in the present suit. If they had any right or claim to the property either separated or jointly, that right must be asserted in the proper way by a suit, but they had no right to take possession in the way they had. The simple question was whether at the time the plaintiffs had possession, and whether they were dispossessed by the defendant? The plaintiffs were, he thought, entitled to succeed in the present suit; that they were justified in bringing this action to recover possession, and there was no reason why the rule under the ordinary circumstances of a defendant being unsuccessful in a suit should not follow in the present case, and why the defendants should not pay the costs. Judgment would therefore be for the plaintiffs, and defendants must pay the costs.

THE INSOLVENCY OF NOWROJEE RUSTOMJEE MOTTABHOY.

Fifth Day, Monday, 31st.

The Acting Advocate General (Mr. Scoble) and Mr. Green appeared for the insolvent in support of the petition; Messrs. Marriott and McCulloch for Heeralall Hurgovindass; Mr. Ferguson on behalf of Mr. Michael Roonan, liquidator of the Central Indian Financial Association; and Messrs. McCulloch and Branson for Dorabjee Nanabhoy.

At the conclusion of the evidence in this case before Mr. Justice Gibbs, Commissioner, which we have already reported,

Mr. Ferguson addressed the Court. In commencing he referred to some remarks made during the hearing of the case by his lordship and the counsel on the other side, to the effect that the whole of the opposition seemed to be prompted by bias, that there had been a dispute and great animosity towards insolvent by all his creditors. With regard to his client, he begged most emphatically and distinctly to deny that any such feeling existed.

The Commissioner said that with regard to such observations as fell from him, of course Mr. Roonan had put himself in the same box with others,—there was no independent opposition from him, he came with others, and the observations were not intended to attach to him personally. Of course there was no feud between Mr. Roonan and the insolvent.

Mr. Ferguson went on to say that the reason which caused Mr. Roonan to come forward and oppose, was that he was the liquidator of the Central India Financial Association, and when the insolvent filed his schedule, it disclosed so much criminality, he had considered it his duty to come and oppose the insolvent and hear his lordship's opinion before allowing him to be discharged. He could not as liquidator, and with the responsible trust of that association stand by, and, with all the facts or want of facts which the schedule disclosed, see that man passed through the Court. Now, the principal grounds on which he relied and on which he opposed the insolvent were these. He said he had concealed certain books, time-bargain transaction contracts and shares. The books and papers had been got only piece-meal on the judge's orders, and these contracts had not been produced up to the time of this hearing; they were not in the official assignee's office, and therefore the creditors had a right to say they were concealed. The next reason that caused Mr. Roonan to come forward was the allegation that the Rs. 4,000 had been paid to his company, whilst really it had not been paid. The insolvent had said Messrs. Acland, Prentis and Bishop would produce the receipt, if there was one, but it had not been produced. His learned friend the Advocate General had tried to show it might have been part of a larger payment; that did credit to his learned friend's ingenuity, but did his client no good. Then there were sums said to have been paid to Messrs. Acland, Prentis and Bishop, but which did not appear in their books, and as a whole the schedule was unsatisfactory; whether or not the examination of insolvent and his mother had been satisfactory was another question, but at first, certainly, the schedule was not so. Insolvent had entered a large number of shares, so that on first looking into his schedule one would think the creditors would have a large sum to divide, but on studying the entries it was found that the shares were worthless. Then the debts due by Messrs. Brice & Co., and Mr. Brice, were said all to be good, so that at first look at the schedule a considerable return might be expected. But what was the fact?—they had it from Mr. A. C. Brice, the person who represented the firm of Brice & Co. in Bombay, that the very maximum of the out-turn of the firm would be 11 per cent. Now when the insolvent was filling up his schedule he perfectly well knew it was false, and before the Insolvent Act could work at all, before any insolvent could come into court, he must clearly show on the face of his schedule that all monies were accounted for, and that he had given a true and honest account of his dealings. Then a matter which gave an impetus to Mr. Roonan to oppose was the grand jugglie that occurred between Aspandiarjee, insolvent and his mother, in regard to the property in the Fort. The first time the creditors had heard of the Guzerathi deed was when the Advocate General produced it in reference to the English one:—the creditors had not been aware of the existence of such a document, and had his solicitor been told, in all probability his client would never have opposed.

The Advocate General remarked that his learned friend was going on his imagination: there was not a tittle of evidence that the Guzerathi deed was kept back or concealed.

Mr. Ferguson said he was in the meantime only showing the reasons which led his client to oppose. He held that Nowrojee had been insolvent from 1865; that the proceedings in connection with the deed were a scheme to defraud the creditors; that it was the greatest piece of impertinence to come and say there had been a sale of the property to Aspandiarjee, and that, were any evidence wanted to prove that it was Perozbaee only who bought the property, that was got in the way she fenced with the question when put to her. Then as to the insolvent they had heard a deal of his knowledge of business, and with regard to that he might say that during the time he (the learned counsel) had sat in that Court he had never seen one of those large insolvents who did not go into the box to make himself out a fool—no matter how sharp he was out of the box, in every case in which a man had gone through a large amount of money, he was, according to his own story when he got into the box, a great fool.

The Advocate General suggested that probably in most cases that story was quite true. (A laugh).

Mr. Ferguson remarked that this case was only on a parallel with that of another distinguished Parsee insolvent, who said he was the ornamental member of the firm, that he did not know anything about the books, and that as to the working of the business he did not know cotton from wool. The accounts in this case, he said, were altogether unsatisfactory; the insolvent's money had all or nearly all gone into his mother's pocket, and if she were to die next day he would again come into about a half of his property.

The Commissioner remarked that his recollection did not put the matter quite so brightly as Mr. Ferguson stated it. (A laugh.)

Mr. Ferguson remarked that Perozbaee had got the property at Byculla and in Chimnajee street, a sum of Rs. 75,000; the shares of the B. B. & C. I. Railway, and of the G. I. P. Railway; so that the only property the insolvent was left with was the Rs. 2,50,000 in Government promissory notes.

The Advocate General—and the 11½ lakhs (a laugh).

The Court here adjourned for tiffin, and in the afternoon Mr. Ferguson resumed his speech and Mr. Marriott followed, both the learned counsel arguing in much the same strain as in Mr. Marriott's opening address which we fully reported. At four o'clock, the hour fixed for the meeting in the Town Hall in connection with the reception of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, the proceedings were adjourned to the following morning.

Sixth Day, Tuesday.

Mr. Marriott resumed this morning, and first commented on the suit brought by Perozbaee to recover Rs. 1,46,000 from the insolvent, which he held was simply a step when the creditors were pressing to enable the insolvent to give an undue preference. It was a suit between mother and son, and one did not find a mother suing her son when they were living together, when he was acting kindly towards her, when he was giving her a present of valuable property, and when the debt for which she was suing was amply secured. The debt for which she was suing was simply secured. Next, in referring to the Byculla property, he said that was in September 1866 considered a good and valid security for Rs. 1,30,000, but in October 1868 it was made over at Rs. 70,000, and that against the advice of that most highly respectable gentleman, Mr. Acland.

The Advocate General—My learned friend has no right to say so.

Mr. Marriott—I have a perfect right to ask your Lordship as a juryman to believe that, when the witness declined to answer my question whether Mr. Acland advised him not to make over the property and when he would not recollect what Mr. Keir or Mr. Winter said. The learned counsel submitted that there had been a fraudulent transaction; and that Mr. Wilcox's valuation might have been got only on the day before the execution of the decree for the purpose of bolstering up this fraud, and that this all formed a part of a scheme by the insolvent and his mother for screening the property from the creditors. Mr. Marriott next referred to several others of the items, and concluded by referring to the hostile character of the witnesses, and asking his lordship to believe that there had been fraudulent transactions as shown in his opening speech, fraudulent entries in the insolvent's books, and concealment of others. A man who became insolvent might have been fooled by those around them, but it approcheuded the principle his lordship would lay down and establish in this Court was that the insolvent was bound to give a full and true account of his affairs. That was a principle to which all creditors in Bombay were entitled, and that was what he asked his lordship to establish and to conclude that the insolvent in making over his property and money to his mother had been making away with or concealing part of his property for the purpose of fraudulently diminishing the sum to be divided among his creditors.

The Advocate General then addressed the Court on behalf of the insolvent. It had now at last, he said, become his duty, after an investigation extending over six days, to address his lordship on this case in behalf of the insolvent. He thought his lordship would be satisfied that never since there had been an Insolvent Court in Bombay had there been a more merciless or more groundless opposition to any insolvent who had filed his petition in that Court. The learned counsel on behalf of two of the opposing creditors had claimed for their clients the desire to act with the greatest kindness towards the insolvent, and had alleged they were tempted to enter the opposition only on account of the gross fraud on the schedule; but he thought his lordship would be satisfied that neither had shown fraud on the schedule. They had heard a great deal about "juggles" between the insolvent, his mother and the clerk. His learned friend Mr. Ferguson had gone on to say it was like the trick with the three balls, that one was up in the air and they could not see it for some time, while the other two were manipulated with; but he thought that was a ridiculous comparison for, when his learned friend mentioned it, he was reminded rather of the three creditors, of whom when one had exhausted himself another was ready to jump up with a fictitious display, and when he was finished, the third appeared. It was all nonsense to say this was a *bona fide* opposition and one promoted on public grounds; it was nothing of the kind, and he thought the Commissioner must be satisfied it was not so. First, there was Heeralall Hurgovindass. Well he, but for his own choice, need not have had any thing whatever to do with the insolvent's affairs; but he was one of that class to be found in every community after a great series of commercial misfortunes who endeavoured to prey upon their fellow-creatures—a class of persons known in England as "wreckers," and which at this time was very numerous in Bombay. Heeralall need not have had anything to do with insolvent unless he chose, and his claim arose in this way. In years gone by, insolvent had engaged in large transactions with the Financial Association of India and China by borrowing money on the security of large estates which he mortgaged, and after payment he was still indebted to the Financial. The Corporation being in liquidation, and thinking probably they had got as much as ought to satisfy them, instead of bringing an action against insolvent, preferred the simple plan of putting up the claim in the market, and it was bought by Mr. Heeralall Hurgovindass for a comparatively small sum. Mr. Heeralall brought a suit to recover the whole amount, but endeavoured to arrange for a small sum, and the suit was stopped by the Chief Justice saying that before the negotiations he claimed the whole amount he could have no idea of justice. That was the history of the first opposing creditor, and the second was like unto him. He was a Parsee, a member of the same community as insolvent, and named Dorabjee Nowrojee, or rather Dorabjee Nanabhoy Wadia—and he hoped he had not done injustice to any respectable gentleman named Dorabjee Nowrojee by mentioning his name instead of Nanabhoy. This Dorabjee Nanabhoy's claim was one which they did not admit was sufficient. It was a claim by a well known person, Atmaram Madhowjee, and Dorabjee had not even the right that Heeralall had for his claim was for Rs. 2,27,000, which neither Atmaram Madhowjee nor his trustees, nor Mr. Cohen to whom they had sold it, nor the present claimant who had bought it from Mr. Cohen, had ever had the audacity to bring into court. Mr. Michael Roonan came next, and he was the gentleman who, through his counsel, had thought it necessary to make such a parade of the motives for his appearing in opposition. He was the liquidator of the Central India Financial Association, company with which the insolvent to his sorrow had had dealings, and the sum on which he opposed was an indemnity for all liability on 200 shares of that company held by insolvent. These were the three opposing creditors, and he thought his lordship would be satisfied that not one public motive was made a case that justice should be done had brought them there that day, and that not even their desire to get their claims out of the insolvent would have been enough to induce them to incur the large expenses they had had in the matter. They must look for further motives, and he thought that the appearance of certain gentlemen,—persons rather, he would not use the word "gentlemen"—sitting behind the counsel on the opposite side, sufficiently explained whence the opposition proceeded. The mother of the insolvent naturally enough, though it was not strictly admissible in evidence, began when giving her evidence in Court on a previous day, to tell his lordship the character of the opposition, that it was not *bona fide*, but was prompted by animosity among the native family. He was afraid that that was the case, and that these three opposing creditors were merely puppets pulled by strings by persons in the back ground who had no right or title to oppose, and who possibly had in more senses than one contributed in an important degree to the insolvent's ruin. Having thus shown the character and position of the opposing creditors, the learned gentleman said he would next ask his lordship to consider the circumstances under which the insolvent came into Court. There had been no reckless trading or incurring of debts that could be called unreasonable hope of discharging. This was not the case of a man coming into the bazaar in Bombay, tossing up a rupee and saying "Heads I win, tails you loose." This young man commenced life a few years ago with the noble fortune of £180,000 sterling, and he came there now asking to be relieved from what?—not from debts incurred in any sort of extravagance, but from debts which were not at present due and might never become due—debts he had incurred in consequence of taking shares in one or other of the bubble companies of the day so common some years ago. His learned friend, Mr. Marriott, who was generally so correct in his statements had throughout his speech rested his argument on a fallacy that the debts were all due at the time of the transactions insolvent had with his mother, whereas they were not due, and that Nowrojee was at that time insolvent, whereas the fact was that he was then quite solvent. On behalf of the insolvent he denied the charges and statements, and had no doubt he would be able to show they were utterly groundless; but he would first take his lordship through the schedule and show what were the debts from which the insolvent sought to be released. The first debt on the schedule was that of Rs. 795 by his wife, the value of her jewels, which she gave insolvent in 1866 when he was trying to pay his debts; and he thought that was property first on the list, for it was, with one exception, the only *bona fide* debt which could really be alleged to be binding upon the insolvent. Then came the Rs. 50,000 due on the mortgage to Aspandiarjee, and to which he would afterwards refer; and after that was the entry of Rs. 40,000 to the Central India Financial in which the insolvent had 200 shares. On each of these shares Rs. 50 had been called, and there was Rs. 150 yet uncalled for, so that Rs. 30,000 had not been called up at the time of the transactions, and probably the rest never would be called for. In the same way there was a claim of Rs. 3,000 on fifteen shares of the Alliance Financial Corporation, on which a call of Rs. 50 a share had been made, leaving an uncalled-up liability of Rs. 150 per share. Then there was Rs. 2,000 of liability on the shares of the Mofussil Cotton Press Company allotted to the insolvent. This liability had not yet been called up, and probably it would never be, inasmuch as the share might be forfeited. Next came Rs. 3,000 on three forfeited shares of the Bombay, Burmah Trading Corporation, and Rs. 4,000 on shares of the Bombay Burmah Trading Investment Company, being Rs. 700 due on one forfeited share and a call of Rs. 1,100 per share made on three other shares. Next there was a claim of Rs. 2,27,401 now held by Dorabjee Nanabhoy Wadia. The insolvent disputed this claim altogether, and alleged that the transactions with Atmaram Madhowjee, in which the insolvent was said to be interested, really took place with Manockjee Ruttonjee Julla, that the insolvent knew nothing about them, and that the account would not stand investigation. This was a large claim, and had it been a *bona fide* one, they would have had Mr. Atmaram Madhowjee called. It was something like the case in which Messrs. Jumnadas and Davidas, two of the illustrious members of the "28th" regiment, put forward a similar claim, which was met by a counter claim, and after enquiry before Mr. Pigot he found that, instead of being the creditors, they were the debtors of the insolvent to the large amount of Rs. 30,000 odd, which he heard from the official assignee, a dividend had been paid to the amount of Rs. 200. The next entry in the schedule was that of Heeralall Hurgovindas for Rs. 13,439 in respect of adjudgment obtained by him on the claim against the insolvent, purchased from the Financial Association of India and China. Then followed an uncalled-up liability of Rs. 18,000 on 450 shares allotted to the insolvent in that unfortunate Company, the East India Cotton Agency. The next was a small sum, which possibly should be entered as a *bona fide* debt, being an amount of Rs. 200 due to the Municipal Commissioner for rates and taxes. And there were other small items due to Mr. Grant, saddler, and Messrs. Cheesman and Woodhall, and then came Rs. 25,750, balance said to be due on account of one share of the Bombay Reclamation Company contracted to be purchased by the insolvent for Rs. 31,750, but of which the insolvent said he believed the matter had been compromised with Pestonjee Cursetjee Shroff—and here the learned counsel remarked, that he thought the manner cropping up as one went through the sch

THE LADIES' MANIFESTO AGAINST THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACTS.

(Pall Mall Gazette.)

Some ladies of the highest character, and influenced, as we have no doubt, by an imperative sense of duty, have put forward a manifesto against the Contagious Diseases Acts, which bears marks of having been composed under strong excitement, rather than founded upon any careful observation of the facts. Now few subjects can be mentioned which are more obscured by such appeals to sentimentality, and in which it is more important to maintain, so far as we can, a purely judicial or scientific frame of mind. We will therefore examine, as far as seems at present desirable, the definite statements which the ladies put forward. We have already taken occasion to discuss the general principles involved, and have stated more than once our belief that no sufficient reasons can be assigned for refusing to use all proper legislative means for checking the spread of these particular diseases. Let us see whether the allegations now made tend in any degree to modify the general presumption.

There are two main assertions in the ladies' address—the first is that the Acts subject certain classes to tyrannical police regulations; the second, that the Acts do not produce the anticipated results. If this last proposition can be established, it is, of course, fatal to the system in operation. If the first can be established, the system must be either abandoned or modified, so as to evade the alleged consequences. We will taken them in order.

The ladies assert that "any woman can be dragged into court and required to prove that she is not a common prostitute;" and besides amplifying this assertion, they quote, in a note, certain evidence given by Mr. Parsons, of the Portsmouth Lock Hospital, before the House of Commons' committee of last session. The actual state of the case appears to be as follows:—In the first place it is not, as might be supposed, any policeman who may make such a charge when he pleases—it must be a superintendent of police; and a special staff is placed for the purpose in each of the districts in question. The men selected for this purpose are "all married men; they are all men specially well known for long previous good character, and for previous fitness for such an appointment, and they are all middle-aged men." They have, of course, little difficulty, as a rule, in deciding who are common prostitutes frequenting low beer-houses. The doctors agree that they have discharged their duty excellently; and Mr. Parsons, the gentleman whose evidence is relied upon by the ladies, says that he has never known a case of malice, and has no fault at all to find with their proceedings. It is true, however, that the duty is one which requires to be discharged with the utmost discretion, and Mr. Parsons mentions a case under his own knowledge in which a respectable woman was actually brought before him; and though instantly discharged without examination, and though her conduct had been, to say the least, indiscreet, she doubtless suffered considerably in her feelings. He points out a defect in the Act which requires some explanation. Women, instead of coming before the magistrate may, if they please, make a voluntary submission. Now, as he tells us, respectable women might object to appearing before the magistrate—although it is to be observed that his court is private—for fear of the charge being known to their husbands or friends. They would prefer the examination before the surgeon; and it seems that some such cases, though "less than half-a-dozen," have occurred within his experience. The state of mind is not very intelligible which should induce a woman to prefer periodical examination by a surgeon to a private appearance before a magistrate. However, as it seems occasionally to exist, Mr. Parsons recommends that the surgeon, as well as the magistrate, should have the legal power (which he seems to have exercised in fact) of relieving the woman from attendance. This regulative was accordingly introduced in the Act of 1869. Therefore, according to the present law, the extent of the liability appears to be this. If, by some of those mistakes which may occur so long as policemen are human, a respectable woman is brought accused of being a common prostitute, and if she objects to appearing before a magistrate, she may be compelled to have a private interview with the surgeon. If he is satisfied of her innocence, she will be immediately released. Considering the great dread which officials generally feel of getting into awkward scrapes, we should say that there are sufficient safeguards to protect a decent woman, not merely from the degradation of examination, but in almost any conceivable case from any worse evil than a false accusation immediately refuted and not made public. If, however, any further modifications can be suggested, they ought to be most thankfully received by those who are anxious for the successful working of the Act. It might be desirable, though it is difficult, to give a more accurate definition of a common prostitute, and to determine what amount of evidence shall be required. The objection, however, put in its strongest form does not go against the principle of the Act, but against the machinery at present in operation. If any faults can be fairly attributed to it, it should surely not be difficult to frame regulations which shall make it practically impossible to apply coercion to any woman not of demonstrably abandoned character.

We come, therefore, to the really critical question, whether as a matter of fact the Act can be successfully worked. Here we could not do better than refer people interested in the question to the very evidence from which the ladies have picked out a few answers bearing in appearance upon their side of the question. They will find that in their opinion the treatment inflicted is brutalizing even to the most abandoned. The unanimous testimony of the witnesses was most strikingly in the opposite direction. They agreed that the Act, which was at first unpopular, rapidly became popular among the women themselves; as, indeed, it is not surprising that even abandoned women should be grateful for a system especially designed to save them from a cruel disease. Further, it is declared by the surgeons concerned that there is a marked improvement in the decency and cleanliness of the women as well as a surprising decline in the virulence of the disease. "Many of these poor prostitutes," says Mr. Hogge of the Plymouth Lock Hospital, "have never previously had a word of kindness spoken to them in their lives." He states that out of 1,000 women about 300 have been, in one way or another, reclaimed, and that 250 are respectably married. They become for more cleanly in their habits and certain diseases produced by dirt have disappeared from Portsmouth and Plymouth. Mr. Parsons gives similar evidence; and Dr. Barr gives a very striking account, too long for quotation, of the "very notable improvement" which has taken place under the operation of the Act at Aldershot. In short, the ladies tell us, from *a priori* considerations, that these abandoned women will be "brutalized." The witnesses tell us with one consent that they have been materially improved both morally and physically. "But," say the ladies, "it is unjust to punish the sex who are the victims of a vice, and to leave unpunished the sex who are the main cause both of the vice and its dreaded consequences." We will not inquire whether it can be properly called a punishment to insist upon a class being put under proper restrictions for the benefit of their health; but the answer is very simple. There is no class among men corresponding to the unfortunate victims of our social arrangements. On the contrary, there can be no corresponding restrictions. But it is highly desirable that soldiers and sailors, who are specially tempted to offend, should be put under proper regulations. In fact, the men in the Naval Reserve are examined with the best possible results, and with no objection on their part; and no fair ground for such an examination has been introduced into the army under judicious regulations, as may be seen from Dr. Barr's evidence with regard to Aldershot, it has acted beneficially.

The main question, however, is undoubtedly as to the effect upon the extirpation of the disease. No perfectly conclusive evidence can be given upon this point, because the experiment has not been tried in England under sufficiently favourable conditions. It is of little use comparatively to regulate one small district, which cannot be effectually isolated. The results, however, already obtained, all point in the same direction. Much good has been done by reducing the amount of disease, by reducing more especially the most serious variety of disease, and by reducing the virulence of that variety. Mr. Parsons, for example, tells us, in regard to Portsmouth, that "there could be no doubt in the mind of any man in the world that the Act has produced an enormous amount of good, both in the diminution of disease and unquestionably in the amendment of its character and virulence." And this is only the echo of the general opinion, confirmed by statistics, especially those given by Dr. Balfour, the Inspector General of Hospitals. In Malta, where circumstances admit of a more complete trial of a similar system, the disease has been almost stamped out; and in the Ionian Islands, under similar circumstances, Sir H. Storks tells us that it "almost disappeared." Yet the ladies calmly tell us that "the disease which this Act seeks to remove has never been removed by any such legislation." They proceed to state that "in Paris and other continental cities the public health and morals are worse than at home." There are many things in the Parisian system which we should be very sorry to defend, but as the appeal is thus confidently made, we will conclude by one or two remarks on the subject. The charming peculiarity of the English moralists is to assume that ignoring an evil is the same thing as suppressing it. There is a scandalous want of hospital accommodation in London for this class of diseases, and there are very large hospitals in Paris, and yet more in Berlin and Vienna. People saving so large a number of patients collected together quietly infer that the disease is more frequent because better attended to. On this point we are greatly in need of more information. We can, however, give one fact which is, to say the least, significant. The French are not celebrated for their morality, and the French army is not supposed to be the most moral part of French society. If, then, disease is less prevalent among French soldiers than among our own, there is certainly a strong presumption that it cannot be so common in the country at large. Now, in the English army, from 1860 to 1865, the proportion of such diseases admitted to hospital was over 32 per cent. of the mean strength; in 1866 it was over 25 per cent. of the mean strength; in the French army in 1865 the proportion was 9·2 per cent. In other words, the disease was between three and four times as common among the English as among the French troops. If we take the first figures, or nearly three times as common if we take the second. The teaching of experience seems to be unequivocal; and we need not endeavour to enforce the obvious moral.

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The past year of the cotton trade has been less eventful than any of its predecessors since the commencement of the American war. The fluctuations in price have been less violent; still they have been by no means inconsiderable, and would have been looked upon as unusually great in the quiet old-fashioned time that preceded the American war.

The year 1869 opened with an active business going on both in Manchester and here, and an upward tendency of prices. Middling Orleans was quoted 11¼d., and fair Dhollerah 8¾ per lb. An ineffectual attempt had just been made in Manchester to unite the manufacturing interest in a concerted short-time movement. This had utterly broken down, and the consumption was proceeding on a large scale. At the same time a feeling was creeping over the public mind that the American crop had been over-estimated. The popular guess some time before had been 2,500,000 bales, but the receipts at the American ports were not increasing as was expected, and an uneasy feeling existed on that score. The first fortnight in January confirmed the suspicion of short crop. The receipts fell to 76,000 bales per week, and a very large business was done in this market at rapidly advancing prices. The upward movement continued, though with less excitement, till the first week in February, and middling Orleans touched 12¾d. per lb., and fair Dhollerah 10¾d. per lb.—say ½d. per lb. advance on the opening prices. This rapid advance brought Manchester to a standstill. The position of the trade became so bad that "short time" on a large scale was forced upon them. A long period of dulness succeeded, and prices in this market eased off ¾d. to ⅞d. per lb.

The development of receipts in America proved the crop to be smaller than any one had supposed; during February and March they fell much below the parity of the previous year, and the deficiency of shipments to this country was enormous. It became clear that our total supply of cotton for 1869 would be much smaller than for the previous year. This view was confirmed by the poor accounts also reaching us of the Bombay cotton crop. The season had not been favorable, and a large deficiency in the yield there was also expected. These influences would naturally have kept up speculation in our market, had not Manchester remained in a most depressed condition, and the trade of Lancashire been ruinously bad. As it was, the rival elements about balanced each other, and during the months of February, March, and April, prices fluctuated between 12d. and 12¾d. for middling Orleans, and 10d. and 10¾d. for fair Dhollerah.

The stock in Liverpool kept very small, varying most of the time between 250,000 and 300,000 bales. Many failures took place among spinners and manufacturers, and confidence was greatly shaken; sellers of cotton could scarcely be prevented from selling, and the manufacturing industry of Lancashire that has yet been experienced. During much of the time spinning and weaving has not been practicable, except at a ruinous loss, and large portions of the machinery have been compelled to stand idle, causing widespread pauperism and distress among the working-population. The towns of Preston and Blackburn have suffered especially from this calamitous state of trade, and at certain periods of the year as much as half the machinery in these towns was unemployed. Very many failures occurred, particularly among the smaller manufacturers, and the gloom that prevailed in Manchester was at times really distressing to witness. In the spring months, and again in September and October, this depression was most marked, and the feeling often found expression that the cotton trade of Lancashire was fairly destroyed, and would never be prosperous again. Mill property was in many cases sold at a ruinous sacrifice, often realizing not more than one-fourth the cost of construction, and it was well understood that many insolvent concerns were only saved from the hammer because the creditors knew that a forced sale of machinery would only yield the price of old iron. Indeed several old mills have been broken up and the machinery disposed of as old iron, and in this way the consuming capacity of Lancashire has been materially reduced, to the ultimate advantage of the trade.

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The money market during the past year has been uniformly quiet, and the rate of interest, with one brief exception, very low. That exception occurred in April and May, when a sudden demand for gold for America caused the bank rate to be raised momentarily to 4½ per cent, but there was no activity in our internal trade to justify high rates of interest, and for the last six months the rate has varied from 2½ to 3 per cent. We are glad to state, however, that there are decided symptoms of a better state of trade setting in all over the country. The debris caused by the crash of 1866 is at last getting cleared away; capitalists who were scared by the collapse of the Joint Stock companies are receiving a confidence and looking out for new investments, and it is evident that a gradual resumption of legitimate enterprize may be expected from this time forward. We do not therefore expect that such low rates of interest as we have been accustomed to for the past three years will continue much longer.

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We regret to say that the year just closed has been one of the worst, if not the very worst, that the manufacturing industry of Lancashire that has yet been experienced. During much of the time spinning and weaving has not been practicable, except at a ruinous loss, and large portions of the machinery have been compelled to stand idle, causing widespread pauperism and distress among the working-population. The towns of Preston and Blackburn have suffered especially from this calamitous state of trade, and at certain periods of the year as much as half the machinery in these towns was unemployed. Very many failures occurred, particularly among the smaller manufacturers, and the gloom that prevailed in Manchester was at times really distressing to witness. In the spring months, and again in September and October, this depression was most marked, and the feeling often found expression that the cotton trade of Lancashire was fairly destroyed, and would never be prosperous again. Mill property was in many cases sold at a ruinous sacrifice, often realizing not more than one-fourth the cost of construction, and it was well understood that many insolvent concerns were only saved from the hammer because the creditors knew that a forced sale of machinery would only yield the price of old iron. Indeed several old mills have been broken up and the machinery disposed of as old iron, and in this way the consuming capacity of Lancashire has been materially reduced, to the ultimate advantage of the trade.

We are happy to report, however, that a much more cheerful tone has sprung up in Manchester in the last month or two; a more healthy and general demand for goods has arisen, and the discussions of a short time ago have entirely given way to a spirit of confidence. Short time is now being turned off at a small profit, and this is matter for sincere congratulation. We are in good hopes, for reasons which we shall afterwards state, that this improvement will not be ephemeral, but will continue during most of the coming year.

We now estimate the consumption of the kingdom at 55,000 bales per week, which is about the maximum figure it has attained since the commencement of the American war. A continuance of thoroughly good trade for a twelvemonth might perhaps raise this figure to 58,000 or 60,000 bales per week, for there is a good deal of machinery still standing idle that would be gradually brought into play; but there is very reason to believe that a *much lower* scale of prices for cotton would require to prevail before so great an increase in the production of goods would be taken off by the markets of the world.

The money market during the past year has been uniformly quiet, and the rate of interest, with one brief exception, very low. That exception occurred in April and May, when a sudden demand for gold for America caused the bank rate to be raised momentarily to 4½ per cent, but there was no activity in our internal trade to justify high rates of interest, and for the last six months the rate has varied from 2½ to 3 per cent. We are glad to state, however, that there are decided symptoms of a better state of trade setting in all over the country. The debris caused by the crash of 1866 is at last getting cleared away; capitalists who were scared by the collapse of the Joint Stock companies are receiving a confidence and looking out for new investments, and it is evident that a gradual resumption of legitimate enterprize may be expected from this time forward. We do not therefore expect that such low rates of interest as we have been accustomed to for the past three years will continue much longer.

In reviewing the prospects of our market for the coming year, we turn first to the question of supply; and we are happy to state that we commence the year far more auspiciously than we did the last one. There can be no doubt that the present American crop considerably exceeds the last, and the only question seems to be whether the excess will be a quarter or half a million of bales. We incline towards the larger estimate, partly on the ground of the heavy receipts at the American ports, and partly because our most valued correspondents in America take that view. We have scarcely yet received half the crop, according to the average of past years, and yet there is already an excess in receipts over last year of about 250,000 bales, and we see no reason why an equally great excess should not be shown in the second half of the season. Against this view it is maintained by some that the crop has been delivered with greater rapidity than the last one, and that the receipts will fall off very fast in a short time. But we would reply that the very low stage of the rivers delayed receipts at the gulf ports till quite recently, and the large scale they have attained since the rivers rose, proves, we think, that large stores of cotton were lying along these streams which are not likely to be shipped off in a few weeks. We see no signs anywhere of approaching exhaustion of supply, and though we may have two or three weeks of comparatively short receipts, owing to the holidays at this season, we think it very unlikely that they will fall to the level of last year, say 76,000 bales per week, during the first fortnight of January. During February and March the decline in receipts last year was extremely rapid, the average of February being 89,000 bales per week, and of March 37,000 bales per week, and it will be unprecedented if they fall this year from so high an average as 110,000 bales in December to these low figures in the spring. We understand that the feeling prevails largely in the South that prices will rise in the spring as they did the last two seasons, and we have heard from various sources that on this account planters have not been anxious to hurry their crops to market. For this reason, along with the others we have named, we do not share in the opinion that receipts will fall down to the level of last year in the spring months.

The next question is, what proportion of the crop will we get in this country? Last year the whole deficiency fell on England, and it appears likely that the process will be reversed this year, and that most of the excess will come to us. The export thus far points in that direction, there being an excess of 135,000 bales to England, per Neill, and only of 11,000 bales to the Continent, while American spinners have taken from the ports 225,000 bales against 212,000 bales last year. Up to the present time we have received a full supply of cotton from all sources, and we do not believe it will need much more American cotton this year, however large the crop may be; so that, as usually happens in large crop years, the surplus will come to England. Besides, trade in America is bad: the attempt to bring the currency back to gold, being made in earnest, will cause much commercial distress among the people, and it is not likely that the American consumption this year will be larger than last. We therefore incline to the opinion that if the crop is 500,000 bales larger than the last one, Great Britain will get 350,000 or 400,000 bales of the excess.

We now turn to India, and it is gratifying to be able to say that a large increase in the crops is also to be expected from that quarter. There can be no doubt that the acreage under cotton is very much larger than last year; that was believed to be the case months ago, but definite information was not obtained till the arrival of the Government return a fortnight ago. This document gives the acreage under cotton in the districts (collectorates) subject to the Bombay Presidency, and these show the enormous increase of 42 per cent over last season. This return does not embrace the great cotton-growing provinces of the Berars (Oomrawuttee, &c.) nor the Dhollerah district. In the former of these the increase this year is supposed not to exceed 10 per cent, but in the latter we are informed that a great extension of cultivation has taken place, and it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the entire area under cotton in the west of India is at least 25 per cent greater than last year. This is the more remarkable, as for several years no increase worthy of notice has taken place, and it seems as if the high prices paid for the last crop had given extraordinary encouragement to the ryots. The appearance of the crop, by the latest mail accounts, was highly promising in most of the districts; the monsoon had been copious, and this generally implies a large yield. In the Oomrawuttee and Hinghunghat districts, however, we regret to learn by telegraph that heavy rains have recently fallen, which will seriously damage the quality, as the picking is now going on; the quantity, we hardly think, can be much affected.

Altogether we incline to the opinion that the increase in the crop of Western India cannot be put at less than 250,000 bales, and may be considerably more, though it may not all be shipped within the year if prices fall very much in the spring.

From the other side of India we have no special information, but it is reasonable to think that the same causes which encouraged the cultivators to plant largely on the west will also operate in the east, and that we will have increased Bengal and Madras crops.

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